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## News Notes

Items of interest from throughout the Union County area

The recent winter weather has had an impact on blood donations in Illinois. \*\*\*

If you are interested in learning about history, be sure to check out this weekend's Civil War Weekend at the Anna Arts Center in Anna. \*\*\*

Lincoln's birthday will be commemorated on Feb. 12. \*\*\*

Congratulations to the Anna-Jonesboro Community High School wrestling team, which won a regional title last weekend. \*\*\*

Anna School District No. 37 is taking part in a Kids Heart Challenge which is designed to help young people live healthier lives. \*\*\*

The Anna School District also is asking parents to take part in an online state "five essentials" survey. \*\*\*

The U.S. Forest Service has scheduled "fee-free days" at Shawnee National Forest campgrounds for 2019. Upcoming fee-free days include Presidents' Day on Feb. 18, National Get Outdoors Day on June 8, National Public Lands Day on Sept. 28 and Veterans Day on Nov. 11. \*\*\*

Improvements are being planned for the village water tanks in Cobden.



An extra-long antenna or two, and maybe even a pair of glasses, help the cave cricket to navigate. The photo was taken one day last week at the Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds in Jonesboro.

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## Illinois experiences coldest weather in decades

During the final days of January, Illinois experienced some of the coldest weather which had been seen in decades.

The Illinois State Water Survey in Champaign added that some locations in the state had the coldest weather that had ever been recorded.

### Union County

In Union County, local weather observer Dana Cross recorded a low tem-

perature of 8 degrees on Jan. 30.

Cross recorded a wind chill reading of 8 degrees below zero at 9:30 a.m. on Jan. 30. Wind chill readings stayed in the single digits from 4 a.m. until 4 p.m.

### Wind Chill 20 Degrees Below Zero in Region

The National Weather Service office in Paducah reported that a wind chill of 20 degrees below zero had been recorded at 7:25 a.m.

on Wednesday, Jan. 30, in De Soto.

Other icy wind chills recorded in the region on the morning of Jan. 30 included:

19 below in Carmi. 16 below in Marion. 15 below in Carbondale and Mt. Vernon. 14 below near Grand Tower.

### Low of 38 Below Zero in Illinois

The Illinois State Water Survey reported on its website that a National Oceanic

and Atmospheric Administration cooperative weather observer at Mt. Carroll in northeastern Illinois reported a temperature of 38 degrees below zero on the morning of Jan. 31.

"The temperature in Mt. Carroll may be a new state record, if officially confirmed," said Brian Kerschner, spokesperson for the Illinois state climatologist's office at the Illinois State Water Survey in Champaign.

When it appears that a state record temperature may have been broken, a state climate extremes committee reviews the observations to assess its validity.

The team typically includes the state climatologist's office, the Midwestern Regional Climate Center and federal climate experts, such as from the National Weather Service and the National Center for Environmental Information.

### Most of State in Deep Freeze

Most of Illinois stayed in a deep freeze as January came to an end.

With a recording of 31 degrees below zero, Rockford broke its all-time low temperature, which was previously 27 degrees be-

low zero, which was recorded on Jan. 10, 1982, the National Weather Service Forecast Office in Chicago reported.

During the mornings of Jan. 30 and 31, numerous locations in Northern Illinois reported temperatures in the minus-20s. Some locations went below 30 degrees below zero.

Minimum temperatures were below 0 degrees throughout most of the state, except for the southern regions.

Daily mean temperatures were generally 15 to 20 degrees lower than the 30-year average temperature.

Some other notable temperatures included 35 degrees below zero at Elizabeth, 32 below at Galena, 30 below at Rochelle, 33 below at Aledo, 26 below at DeKalb, 22 below at Joliet, 21 below at Galesburg, 17 below at Champaign and 16 below at Decatur.

In the southern counties, Cairo reached 12 degrees and Carbondale and Rosiclare each recorded 4 degrees.

Numerous schools, businesses and government offices were closed throughout the state because of the dangerously cold wind chills.



### Snow on the street

A vehicle made its way along East Davie Street in Anna Thursday morning, Jan. 31. Light snow had fallen Wednesday night, Jan. 30.

## Heavy rain in forecast, then cold

The weather once again could give area residents a lot to talk about.

The National Weather Service office in Paducah was calling for the possibility of heavy rainfall and flooding from Wednesday, Feb. 6, into Thursday, today.

The soggy forecast comes after the region had thawed out from last week's bitter cold weather, which was attributed to the polar vortex.

For the period of Wednesday through Thursday, today, several upper air systems were expected to move over the area with abundant moisture and a

boundary near the Ohio Valley.

This was likely to result in moderate to heavy rainfall across Southern Illinois, Southeast Missouri and Western Kentucky.

The forecast called for widespread rainfall in amounts ranging from 2 to 4 inches.

Isolated higher amounts around 5 inches could not be ruled out, especially in areas near and just north of the Ohio River.

The rain is expected to end from west to east during the afternoon and evening hours on Thursday, today.

"The end result will be a risk for considerable flood-

ing in low lying and poor drainage areas," the weather service reported on its website.

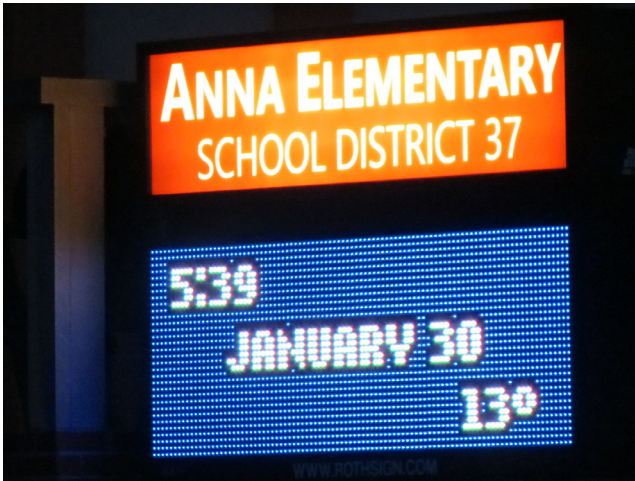
"We will likely see rising water levels on area rivers, creeks and streams," the weather service advised.

"Localized flash flooding cannot be ruled out with some thunderstorms producing heavier rainfall rates."

The chance for precipitation in the Union County area was forecast at 100 percent for Thursday, today.

The high temperature today is expected to be near 63 degrees, with strong wind gusts.

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### Bitter cold

A temperature of 13 degrees was recorded on a sign in front of the Anna Junior High School/Davie School building Wednesday evening, Jan. 30.



### A-JCHS wrestling team wins regional championship

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School wrestling team continued its successful season with a runaway victory at the Illinois High School Association Class 1A regional championship tournament. A-J hosted the event, which was Saturday, Feb. 2. The Wildcats took first place in the tournament with 236 points, outscoring the next closest team by over 100 points. A-J had 11 medal winners, including eight wrestlers who finished first at the regional. All medal winners will be advancing to sectional competition, which is scheduled this weekend in Carterville. Photo by Benjamin Marxer.





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## Public urged to be alert for tax identity theft

Taxpayers are advised to be aware of the threat of identity theft and to take essential steps to reduce their risk.

The warning was shared by Union County State’s Attorney Tyler R. Edmonds in conjunction with the observance of Tax Identity Theft Awareness Week, which was Jan. 29 through Feb. 2.

Edmonds advised taxpayers to take the following precautions:

**Avoid And Report IRS Impersonators**

The IRS will not call you with threats of jail or lawsuits. The IRS will also not contact you by text, email or social media. Report IRS impersonators at <https://www.tigta.gov>.

**Keep Your Computer Secure**

Routinely install software updates to your computer or configure it to automatically update.

Run a firewall and antivirus software. Perform regular backups.

Only download and install software from websites

## 'Celebrate Women' event planned at SIU

Southern Illinois University Carbondale is planning to host its 23rd annual “Celebrate Women: Honoring Inclusive Excellence” reception and awards ceremony on March 21.

The evening celebrates the successes of women both on-campus and in the community, while also raising money to fund scholarships to help more women reach their goals.

Retired Lt. Col. Kate Germano is scheduled to be the special guest speaker for the event.

There’s a full slate of activities planned that evening at various locations in Morris Library on the SIU campus: the rotunda, the Hall of Presidents and Chancellors and the John C. Guyon Auditorium.

The event is scheduled to begin with a silent auction at 4:30 p.m. that runs until 5:45 p.m.

The reception, featuring wine and hors d’oeuvres is set for 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., with the awards ceremony planned from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Only guests 21 and older will be served wine.

Tickets are available for Celebrate Women. Tickets are \$25 each or \$15 for SIU students with a valid ID. They can be purchased by contacting Martha Ellert of AAUW at 618-521-0613 or [msellert@aol.com](mailto:msellert@aol.com).

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For additional tips on how to secure your identity, download the IRS’s guide at <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p4524.pdf>.

If you are a victim of tax identity theft, go to <https://www.irs.gov/identitytheft> for details about the steps to take.

## Friends of Stinson plan winter book sale

The Friends of Stinson Library are planning to sponsor a winter book sale Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 8-10.

The book sale will be at Stinson Memorial Library in Anna. The library is located at 409 S. Main St.

An appreciation sale for members of the Friends of Stinson is scheduled from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Friday. Membership is \$5; interested persons can join at the sale.

The sale will be open to the public from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

A bag sale is planned from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday. The cost will be \$5 for a full bag – and the bag will be provided.

In the event of bad weather, the sale will be cancelled. Information is available on the Friends of Stinson Facebook page or by calling 833-2521.

## January started warm, ended with bitter cold

Temperatures during the first month of 2019 ended up slightly above normal in the region, the National Weather Service office in Paducah reported.

The slightly above normal temperatures were the result of warm weather during the first two to three weeks of January, the weather service reported on its website.

Through Jan. 19, Paducah was tied for the 10th warmest start to January on record.

Only three of the first 19 days of the month registered a daily average temperature below normal.

But then the pattern changed and colder temperatures became common during the last 10 to 12 days.

An arctic air mass paid the region a visit between Jan. 29-31 with lows down in the single digits and teens, and even some sub-zero readings in portions of Southern Illinois on Jan. 30.

Wind chill values were as cold as 15 to 20 below zero along the I-64 corridor.

Precipitation was generally above normal across the majority of the area.

Many locations ended up from half an inch to 2 inches wetter than normal.

Snowfall was also above normal for much of Southern Illinois and Southeast Missouri.

The highest amounts ended up over Southern Illinois, where some locations observed around a foot of snow, including 13.8 at a weather station near Marion and 11.3 at a station near Mt. Vernon.

Two major winter weather events occurred during January.

On Jan. 19, a combination of accumulating snow,

strong winds and rapidly falling temperatures produced high travel impacts.

On Jan. 11-12, snow and sleet impacted travel, with amounts as high as 4 to 7 inches in portions of Southern Illinois.

**January Weather in Union County**

Local weather observer Dana Cross reported the following highlights for January:

High temperature: 60 degrees, on Jan. 8. Average high: 41.

Low temperature: 8, on Jan. 30. Average low, 27.

Total precipitation: 5.29 inches.

Snow: total of 8.5 inches for the month. Most snow in a 24-hour period: 5 inches, on Jan. 19 (which melted down to 1.91 inches of precipitation).

## Weather High 68, low 8

Temperatures during the period of Jan. 29 through Feb. 4 in Union County reached a high of 68 degrees – just days after a low of 8 was recorded.

Precipitation during the period included a trace of snow (and a trace of melted precipitation) on Jan. 30; a trace of snow, ice pellets and glaze (and .05 of an inch of melted precipitation) on Feb. 1; and .01 of an inch of rain on Feb. 4.

Following are temperatures for the period as recorded by local weather observer Dana Cross in Jonesboro:

	H	L
Tuesday, Jan. 29	33	15
Wednesday, Jan. 30	20	8
Thursday, Jan. 31	31	10
Friday, Feb. 1	53	27
Saturday, Feb. 2	61	27
Sunday, Feb. 3	68	32
Monday, Feb. 4	62	43

## A-J library welcomes support for projects

**By Benjamin Marxer**

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School library is looking to expand the educational resources which are available to students with the help of two fundraisers through online crowd funding.

A-JCHS librarian Amber Filbeck has set up two fundraising projects to benefit the Union County school’s library on DonorsChoose.org, which is an online nonprofit organization that allows individuals to donate to public school classroom projects.

This is the second year that Filbeck has served as the A-J librarian. Filbeck has made it her mission to update the materials and options the school library can offer students, making it a more welcoming space for the current generation of students.

The first of Filbeck’s projects will raise funds to expand the library’s book collection to include newer young-adult literary titles which are popular among teen readers today.

The donation page lists over 20 titles Filbeck wants to add to the A-J catalog, including popular and groundbreaking titles like the “To All the Boys I’ve Loved Before” collection, “Turtles All the Way Down” and “The Hate U Give.”

“Something powerful happens when a student sees herself reflected in a great book,” Filbeck states on the donation page.

“When she sees herself as a hero in a story, her confidence grows and she feels

ready to do heroic things.

“When a student reads a book about a character who is different than himself, he learns to empathize with a new culture, background and struggle, and as a result, can empathize better with the people around him.”

The second fundraiser, titled “Operation: Vinyl Restock,” aims to give the students a larger selection of vinyl and other materials for use in creating personalized items and other creative projects in the library.

The vinyl projects have been a big hit among A-J students, giving them a new creative outlet, as well as a chance to learn a new skill.

But the library is running low on supplies. With this fundraiser, Filbeck hopes to get the materials necessary for her students to continue their creative pursuits.

“I’m so excited to keep the momentum going for these kids as they discover what they’re capable of,” Filbeck said.

“Some of them are growing in confidence and skills. Others are seeing the entrepreneurial possibilities. Some are finding a sense of belonging in the library.”

To help the library reach its \$350 goal for new books, visit [www.donorschoose.org/project/the-books-ugive-diverse-books-for-mode/3832337](http://www.donorschoose.org/project/the-books-ugive-diverse-books-for-mode/3832337).

To help the library reach its \$245 vinyl project goal, visit [www.donorschoose.org/project/operation-vinyl-restock/3858887](http://www.donorschoose.org/project/operation-vinyl-restock/3858887).

Information also is available by searching “Anna-Jonesboro High School” on [donorschoose.org](http://donorschoose.org).



**Icicles on the rocks**  
Icicles often form on rocky outcrops at the Cobden Cemetery during very cold weather. The photograph was taken at around midday on Wednesday, Jan. 30.

## Forecast

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The weather service also reported that isolated strong to severe thunderstorms could not be ruled out for Wednesday and early today. The primary hazard was expected to be locally strong winds.

“A small, brief tornado or two” could not be ruled out, the weather service added.

And then – the cold returns.

Winds are expected to

shift from the south to the northwest during the afternoon. Winds gusts could reach 26 miles per hour.

The low temperature is expected to drop to around 21 tonight.

Friday is expected to be sunny and cold, with a high near 30, along with strong wind gusts.

Saturday is expected to be sunny and cold. Rain and snow are possible on Sunday.

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Showings of a NOVA program about ants are planned at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, at the Barkhausen Cache River Wetlands Center near Cypress.

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State Sen. Paul Schimpf, R-Waterloo, planned to have a town hall meeting Saturday morning, Feb. 2, at the Carbondale Township Hall.

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The end of an era: The Illinois Central railroad ticket office in Anna closed 50

years ago this week.

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Paul Trainor is the new owner of Whiffle Boys Pizza in Anna.

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The Southern (Illinoisan) newspaper announced last week that starting Feb. 12, the paper will be printed at a St. Louis Post-Dispatch facility in Maryland Heights, Mo. (In the for what it’s worth category: The Gazette-Democrat is printed in Cape Girardeau.)

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Anybody else out there think that the 2019 Super Bowl was, well, boring?

## Soil, water conservation district plans open house

The Union County Soil and Water Conservation District plans to host an open house on Tuesday, Feb. 12.

The open house will be at the USDA building at 201 Springfield Ave. in Anna. Doors open at 7 a.m. The open house lasts until 5 p.m.

Union County Soil and Water Conservation District directors Carlyn Light, Larry Hale, Dana Eddleman, Kent Treece and Bill Littrell invite the community to attend the open house, which will be a come-and-go event.

Those who attend the open house will have an opportunity to vote for two district directors.

Voting also is planned for the county winner in a 5th grade poster contest. The theme for the contest is “Life in the Soil: Dig Deeper.”

Each of the schools in Union County has entered a poster which was created by a 5th grade student from their school.

The county’s poster contest winner will be sent to the state contest for conservation districts in Illinois.

Three guest speakers are scheduled to give presentations at the open house.

Dr. Emerson Nafziger is scheduled to talk about an Illinois nutrient loss reduction strategy at 10:30 a.m.

Jeremy Harris from Southern FS is scheduled to talk about new technology in precision agriculture at 11:30 a.m.

Union County Soil and Water Conservation District resource conservationist John Wingate is scheduled to talk about pond management at 1 p.m.

A free lunch will be served from noon to 1 p.m.

For more information about the open house, contact John Wingate at the soil and water conservation district/NRCS office, phone 833-5666, extension 3.

## Blood drive scheduled

An American Red Cross blood drive is planned Thursday, Feb. 14, in Union County.

The blood drive is scheduled from noon until 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Anna.

An appointment to be a donor can be made by calling the American Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767.



## Civil War Weekend set at arts center

The Shawnee Hills Arts Council is planning to host a Civil War Weekend Thursday through Sunday, Feb. 7-10, in Anna.

Activities will be at the Anna Arts Center, which is located at 125 W. Davie St. **Thursday, Feb. 7**

The weekend is scheduled to kick off at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7, with a presentation of “Ghost Stories from the Union County Encampments” by Dr. Susan A. Whitemountain.

“Ghost Stories” is scheduled to be presented again at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9. In the presentations, Whitemountain will discuss the locations of Civil War encampments in Union County.

Tickets are \$5 and will be sold at the door.

**Friday, Feb. 8**  
A Blue and Gray Dinner is planned at 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8. The guest speaker is scheduled to be George Buss of Freeport, who portrays Abraham Lincoln. Mr.

## Heritage House Museum plans to host open house

As a part of the Shawnee Hills Arts Council’s Civil War Weekend activities, the PAST organization of Union County plans to host an open house at the Heritage House Museum in Jonesboro.

Heritage House is scheduled to be open from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10.

At 2 p.m., PAST has arranged a presentation to recall Civil War times in Jonesboro.

Hostess Evelyn Gillespie will take on the role of Mrs. (Thomas) Lucinda Frick Watkins, who owned and resided in what is now Heri-

## A-JCHS class of 1999 plans to have reunion

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School class of 1999 is planning to have a reunion.

The reunion is planned on Saturday, Aug. 31, at The Old Feed Store in downtown Cobden. The time and the cost are to be announced.

Information about the reunion can be found on the class’s Facebook page: AJ Class of 1999-20 Year Reunion.

Information also is available by contacting Erin Fitzgerald VonNida by email at [erinvonnida@yahoo.com](mailto:erinvonnida@yahoo.com).

Updated contact information for class members can be shared through the Facebook page or by using the email address.

## Frog program set at Giant City

The frogs of Southernmost Illinois will be the topic of a program which is planned Saturday, Feb. 9, at Giant City State Park near Makanda.

The program is set for 1 p.m. in the visitors center at the park.

Biologist John Palis is scheduled to present the program.

He will talk about how to identify local frogs by sight and by sound.

Palis also will share findings about ongoing frog surveying and monitoring projects that he is conducting in Southern Illinois.

After the talk, weather permitting, those who attend the program will visit a pond or two in the park to look for frogs.

No registration is required. For more information, call 618-457-4836.

Lincoln will be joined by Mrs. Lincoln.

The dinner will be catered by The Kitchen on Lafayette. Reservations were requested by Feb. 2.

**Saturday, Feb. 9**  
Speakers, exhibits and vendors will be featured from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, at the arts center.

The King’s Battery, a Civil War reenactors unit from Missouri, is scheduled to be at the arts center.

Other Civil War reenactors are scheduled to participate. Civil War memorabilia will be on display.

All activities during the day are free and open to the public.

Here’s a look at the schedule of presentations and activities which are planned on Saturday:

9 a.m. Civil War Heroes, by Mike Estel, who is the author of 11 books and an historian.

10 a.m. Mr. U.S. Grant: A Man and a Patriot. The

tage House at 102 S. Main St. in Jonesboro.

Special guest Emily Davie Wiley, reenacted by Diana Scherer, will “visit” from her “home near Makanda.”

The presentation is based on the letters written between Col. Ben Wiley and Emily Davie Wiley during the Civil War. The letters are part of a collection of Wiley Papers archived at SIU.

Diana Scherer reenacted the story of Kitty Mae Sams Keyser Tanner during the Jonesboro Bicentennial Cemetery Walk last October.

Another person of the past, Mary Craver Cover, will be portrayed at Heritage House by her great-great-grand niece, Barbara Boyd Bauer.

Mary Craver Cover was a neighbor of Lucinda Watkins in Jonesboro. Like many Union County pioneers, Mary Craver came with her family from North Carolina in search of a better life.

She established her own family, became a land owner and left a legacy as a community and church leader.

Her family gave land for the Jonesboro School and she helped to establish Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church in Anna.

There will be a \$5 admission for the presentation event. Admission funds are used to preserve and maintain Heritage House. For more information call 618-697-1870.

program will be presented by Dan Haughey of East Moline.

Haughey is an Illinois Humanities Road Scholar. He will present a first-person, one-act play which will focus on Grant’s early years and his rise to Civil War fame as general of the Union armies in the Western Theatre.

Noon. Lunch: barbeque sandwich, chips, soda, \$5.

1 p.m. President Abraham Lincoln, portrayed by George Buss of Freeport. Buss most recently visited Union County to be a part of the City of Jonesboro’s bicentennial celebration.

2 p.m. Harriet Tubman, portrayed by Marlene Rivero, an Illinois Humanities Road Scholar.

3 p.m. “On the Altar of Their Country: The Volunteers in the War of the Rebellion,” by Glen S. Bishop Jr., a Civil War historian and lecturer.

4 p.m. Presentation of two videos loaned by Michael Jones, the director of the General John A. Logan Museum in Murphysboro.

The two videos which are scheduled to be shown are “Caught in the Sweep of History, 1861-1865, Egypt in the Civil War”; and “Caught in the Sweep of History, 1861-1865, Egypt in the Civil War: The Second Year.”

**Sunday, Feb. 10**  
Local history will be featured as part of a bus tour which is planned at 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10. Tickets for the 90-minute tour are \$10. To make a reservation, call 833-8745.

The PAST organization of Union County plans to have an open house at Heritage House in Jonesboro from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Sunday. Heritage House is located at 102 S. Main St.

For more information, or to make reservations, call Lee Hackney at 904-625-1109 or email [vabchlee@gmail.com](mailto:vabchlee@gmail.com).

## Legislator sets office hours

A Southern Illinois state legislator is planning to host mobile office hours in the region over the next few months.

State Sen. Dale Fowler, R-Harrisburg, has scheduled office hours on Monday, Feb. 11, in Marion.

The office hours are planned from noon to 2 p.m. at Marion City Hall, which is located at 1102 Tower Square Plaza.

Members of the public are invited to bring their questions, voice their concerns and speak with Fowler and his district staff. Refreshments will be available.

Fowler represents the 59th District. Part of Union County is in the district.

## Gen. Grant comes to life at Anna Arts Center during Civil War Weekend



**Gen. Grant**  
Dan Haughey will portray Gen. Ulysses S. Grant during a presentation which is planned Saturday morning, Feb. 9, at the Anna Arts Center. Photo by Tim Smith Photography.

Dan Haughey of Moline plans to present his one-person portrayal of Gen. Ulysses S. Grant on Saturday morning, Feb. 9, at the Shawnee Hills Arts Council’s Anna Arts Center in Anna.

Haughey’s portrayal of Grant will be one of the programs featured during a Civil War Weekend which is planned at the arts center.

Haughey’s presentation, “Mr. U.S. Grant: A Man and a Patriot,” is set for 10 a.m. Saturday at the arts center. The arts center is located at 125 W. Davie St.

Admission is free. A short question-and-answer session is planned following the performance.

Haughey is one of five guest speakers who are scheduled to speak at the Civil War Weekend.

Haughey is a speech-theatre professor emeritus at Black Hawk College in Moline and Galva, as well as a professional actor.

“Mr. U.S. Grant: A Man and a Patriot” focuses on Grant’s early life, his time as a citizen in Illinois, and his rise to Civil War fame.

Haughey’s appearance is cosponsored by the Anna Arts Center and the Illinois Humanities’ Road Scholars program.

Haughey is a teaching artist. He earned a master of fine arts degree in playwrighting and play production at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

He studied acting at the Florida State University Asolo Conservatory for Professional Actor Training.

At SIUC, Haughey studied Civil War history with the late Dr. John Y. Simon, the former executive director of the Ulysses S. Grant Association. He also studied historical drama and playwrighting with Dr. Christian Moe.

Haughey has presented “Mr. U.S. Grant” at schools, museums and Civil War venues throughout the United States, including the National Park Service, the War Memorial Museum of Virginia, the Tennessee Theatre in Knoxville, the University Museum at SIUC, the Market House in Galena. Grant’s Civil War era home is in Galena.

Haughey recently performed as U. S. Grant for the National Park Service in celebration of its 100-year anniversary at the Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site in St. Louis.

Charles Bracelen Flood, the author of the book “Grant and Sherman” and the award-winning “Lee:

The Last Years,” says of Haughey’s performance: “...I felt that it was an original and exceedingly worthwhile portrayal of a much misunderstood, underestimated man. This is fine theatre: this is Grant as he really was.”

The Illinois Humanities is supported in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Illinois General Assembly, through the Illinois Arts Council, as well as by contributions from individuals, foundations and corporations.

## Local pioneers to be remembered

The 200th anniversary of pioneers Daniel and Rachel Karraker will be remembered in June at a Union County church.

The anniversary will be recalled with an open house which is scheduled June 10-15 at Christian Chapel Church near Dongola.

Open houses are planned from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

A short introductory talk and orientation are scheduled to start each day.

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## UNION COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT OPEN HOUSE TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH

The Directors of the Union County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) Carlyn Light, Larry Hale, Dana Eddleman, Kent Treece and Bill Littrell invite you to an open house at the USDA building, 201 Springfield Avenue in Anna on Tuesday, February 12, 2019. Doors will open at 7 a.m. and close at 5 p.m.

Activities all day include voting for 2 directors to the SWCD board and voting for the County winner of the 5th grade poster contest. Each school in the County has entered a poster by a 5th grader from their school. The County winner will be sent on to the State Contest for Conservation Districts in Illinois. This year's theme is "Life in the Soil: Dig Deeper."

The Open House is a come and go at your leisure with speakers in the afternoon:

10:30 to 11:30 a.m. - Dr. Nafziger, Illinois Nutrient Research and Education. Topic is Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy.

11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Jeremy Harris, Southern FS. Topic is New Technology in Precision Agriculture.

12:00 to 1:00 p.m. - A free lunch will be provided.

1:00 to 1:30 p.m. - John Wingate, Union County SWCD Resource Conservationist. Topic is Pond Management.

Call the SWC/NRCS office and ask for John Wingate at 618-833-5666, extension 3, for more information.

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# Sports

## A-J girls close regular season with 22-9 record

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School girls’ basketball team closed out its regular season with a 51-17 win over host Sparta in Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division action Thursday, Jan. 31.

Kristin Edmonds led the way for the Lady Wildcats with 11 points, 5 rebounds, 4 assists and 2 steals.

Jaley Watkins added 8 points, 6 rebounds and an assist. Mikayla Bundren had 6 points and 6 rebounds.

Angel Helm had 5 points, 4 rebounds, 4 assists and 2 steals. Sydney Heath had 5 points, 2 steals and an assist.

Morgan Wendling had 4 points, 2 steals and a rebound. Jacee Woodward had 4 points, 5 rebounds, 2 assists and a steal.

Anna Hess had 3 points, 4 rebounds and a steal. Julia Ellis had 3 points and a rebound. Kaya Coleman had 2 points, a rebound and a block.

**A-J 42, Du Quoin 26:** The host Lady Wildcats

## Shawnee girls finish regular season play as conference co-champions

The Shawnee High School girls’ basketball team closed out regular season by posting four wins in six games.

**Shawnee 43, Elverado 41:** Autumn McMahan led the way for the host Lady Reds with 18 points, including five 3-pointers in the win Saturday, Feb. 2.

Laycee Presutti had 13 points, Katie Charles 6 and Mariah Faire and Kirsten Pitts 3 apiece.

**Shawnee 45, Century 37:** Pitts scored 12 points to lead the host Lady Reds to the win Friday, Feb. 1.

Charles added 10 points, followed by Faire 9 and McMahan and Presutti with 7 apiece.

**Shawnee 55, Joppa 32:** The visiting Lady Reds pulled ahead early in the win Thursday, Jan. 31.

Presutti led the way with 18 points. Charles added 15 points, McMahan 13, Faire 4, Gabby Smith and Kirsten Pitts 2 apiece and Autumn Derossett 1.

**East Prairie, Mo., 44, Shawnee 39:** The host Lady Reds fell behind early and couldn’t catch up in the loss Tuesday, Jan. 29.

Presutti had 13 points to lead Shawnee. McMahan and Charles had 10 points apiece, Faire 4 and Derossett 2.

**Shawnee 36, Dongola 35:** Presutti scored 16

## Cobden girls close regular season with win over Dongola

The Cobden High School girls’ basketball team closed out its regular season with a 53-23 win over visiting Dongola Thursday, Jan. 31.

Jenna Hartline had 20 points to lead the Appleknockers. Abby Ramsey had 9 points, Aubrey Fisher and Katelyn Shadowens 7 apiece, Olivia Brumleve 4 and Abby Clover, Elsie Robles and Emily White 2 each.

Alyssa Flores had 12 points to lead the Lady Demons. Shaylee Lingle added 5 points, Dailee Cummins 4 and Annabelle Durham 2.

**Vienna 67, Cobden 31:** Visiting Cobden fell behind early and couldn’t catch up in the loss Tuesday, Jan. 29.

Hartline led the way for Cobden with 19 points. Ramsey added 6 points and Fisher, Brumleve and White 2 apiece.

**Cobden 56, Joppa 36:** The host Appleknockers were ahead early on their way to the win Monday, Jan. 28.

Hartline had 23 points

pulled ahead early on their way to another conference win Tuesday, Jan. 29.

Ellis led the way with 11 points, 2 rebounds and 2 assists.

Woodward had 6 points, 6 rebounds, an assist, a block and a steal. Heath had 6 points, 5 rebounds, 3 assists and 2 steals.

Helm had 5 points, 7 rebounds, 2 assists and a steal. Bundren had 5 points, 2 rebounds, 2 assists and a steal.

Edmonds had 3 points, 4 rebounds and an assist. Wendling had 2 points, 2 steals and an assist.

Hess had 2 points and a rebound. Coleman had 2 rebounds and a block.

The Lady Wildcats, who finished the regular season with a 22-9 overall record and 6-4 in the conference, were scheduled to play in the Class 2A regional at Wayne City earlier this week.

A-J was slated to play Monday’s winner between Fairfield/Wayne City on Tuesday.

points to lead host Shawnee to the homecoming game win Saturday, Jan. 26.

McMahan added 11 points, Charles 6, Smith 2 and Faire 1.

**Egyptian 47, Shawnee 36:** The host Lady Reds let an early lead slip away in the loss Wednesday, Jan. 23.

Presutti had 20 points to lead Shawnee. McMahan and Faire had 5 points apiece, Charles 4 and Derossett 2.

Shawnee finished the regular season with a 16-12 overall record and posted a 7-1 mark in the South Egyptian conference to share co-champion honors with Egyptian.

The Lady Reds to have played Valmeyer earlier this week at the New Athens Class 1A regional.

## Soccer league registration set

The Union County Soccer League has scheduled registration for the 2019 fall season.

Registration was scheduled on Feb. 6 and is planned again on Feb. 9 at Harvest Church in Anna. The church is located at 602 E. Davie St.

Registration is scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon on Feb. 9.

to lead Cobden. Remsey added 12 points, Fisher 11, Shadowens 6, White 3 and Clover 1.

Cobden finished the regular season with an 8-19 record. They were scheduled to play early this week in the Class 1A Elverado regional against Galatia.

## Appleknockers improve to 18-8 with recent wins

With two recent victories, the Cobden High School boys’ basketball team had won 13 of its last 15 games.

**Cobden 67, Century 37:** The host Appleknockers came on in the second half in the South Egyptian Conference homecoming game win over Century Friday, Feb. 1.

Noah Franklin scored 24 points to lead Cobden. Joe Brumleve added 16 points, Zane Nance 12, Dylan Lewey 5, Sipriano Zamora 3, Alex Ramsey and Cody Weiseman 2 apiece and Landon Britt 1.

# Wildcat wrestling team wins regional championship

For only the second time in the school’s history, the host Anna-Jonesboro Community High School wrestling team captured an Illinois High School Class 1A regional wrestling title Saturday, Feb. 2.

With the regional title in hand, the A-J squad will advance the most wrestlers in history to sectional action. The Class 1A sectional is set for this weekend in Carterville.

A-J outdistanced Sparta for the regional title with a team score of 236. Sparta’s team score was 135.5.

Team scores posted by other teams at the regional included 111.0 for Pinckneyville, 101.0 for Murphysboro, 99.0 for Carterville, 91.0 for West Frankfort, 77.0 for Goreville and 54.0 for Red Bud.

A-J did well in the overall individual competition at the regional.

“We had 10 kids out of 12 in the championship matches,” A-J head coach Eric Massey said. “We had eight regional champs, two seconds and one third. I knew we were going to be very competitive this year.”

The top three finishers in each weight class advance to the sectional. The top four finishers at the sectional then advance to the Class 1A state tournament.

The first regional title the Wildcats won was in 2017.

Leading the way for the Wildcats with first place finishes were Amiyah Hart, 106 pounds; Nate Kisat, 145 pounds; Arojae Hart, 113 pounds; Clayton Ramage, 132 pounds; Chris Johnson, 152 pounds; Nick Sanders, 182 pounds; Reid Morrison, 195 pounds; and Garrett Fabec, 285 pounds.

Second place finishers were Bryce Lingle, 175 pounds; and Barry Johnson, 138 pounds. A third place finisher for A-J was David Kester at 120 pounds.

Results posted by A-J wrestlers follow, by weight categories:

106  
Amiyah Hart (24-16) placed 1st and scored 23.5 team points.

Quarterfinal - Amiyah Hart (Anna (A.-Jonesboro)) 24-16 received a bye () (Bye)

Semifinal - Amiyah Hart (Anna (A.-Jonesboro)) 24-16 won by fall over Memphis Lapatas (Goreville) 1-2 (Fall 0:00)

1st Place Match - Amiyah Hart (Anna (A.-Jonesboro)) 24-16 won by tech fall over Trenton Schach (West Frankfort (Frankfort)) 26-16 (TF-1.5 0:00 (17-1))

113  
Arojae Hart (22-5) placed 1st and scored 23.5 team points.

Quarterfinal - Arojae Hart (Anna (A.-Jonesboro)) 22-5 received a bye () (Bye)

Semifinal - Arojae Hart (Anna (A.-Jonesboro)) 22-5 won by fall over Eddie Miller (Red Bud) 17-10 (Fall 0:00)

1st Place Match - Arojae Hart (Anna (A.-Jonesboro)) 22-5 won by tech fall over Chris David (Pinckneyville) 25-7 (TF-1.5 0:00 (17-0))

120  
David Kester (21-18) placed 3rd and scored 12.0 team points.

Quarterfinal - David Kester

(Anna (A.-Jonesboro)) 21-18 received a bye () (Bye)

Semifinal - Cody Martin (Sparta) 21-16 won by fall over David Kester (Anna (A.-Jonesboro)) 21-18 (Fall 0:00)

Cons. Semi - David Kester (Anna (A.-Jonesboro)) 21-18 won by fall over Raj Jenkins (West Frankfort (Frankfort)) 19-23 (Fall 0:00)

3rd Place Match - David Kester (Anna (A.-Jonesboro)) 21-18 won by fall over Jamal Wilkerson (Carterville) 5-15 (Fall 0:00)

132  
Clayton Ramage (24-12) placed 1st and scored 24.0 team points.

Quarterfinal - Clayton Ramage (Anna (A.-Jonesboro)) 24-12 won by fall over Yousef Alamleh (Murphysboro) 7-22 (Fall 0:00)

Semifinal - Clayton Ramage (Anna (A.-Jonesboro)) 24-12 won by fall over Noah Overbey (Pinckneyville) 16-18 (Fall 0:00)

1st Place Match - Clayton Ramage (Anna (A.-Jonesboro)) 24-12 won by fall over Ethan Montroy (Sparta) 20-15 (Fall 0:00)

138  
Barry Johnson (29-12) placed 2nd and scored 18.0 team points.

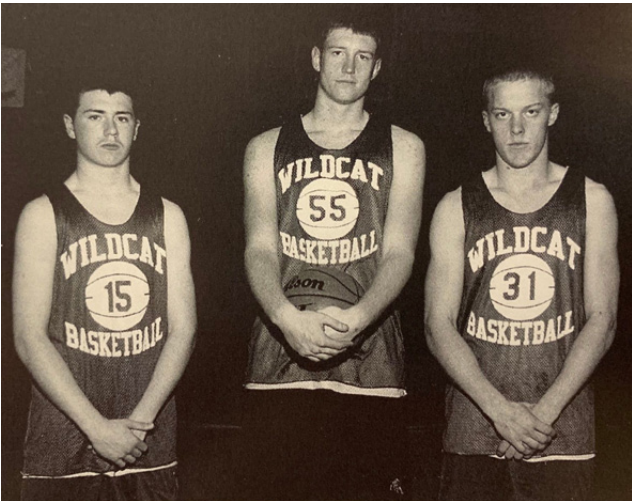
Quarterfinal - Barry Johnson (Anna (A.-Jonesboro)) 29-12 received a bye () (Bye)

Semifinal - Barry Johnson (Anna (A.-Jonesboro)) 29-12 won by fall over Kody Kempfer (Sparta) 3-5 (Fall 0:00)

1st Place Match - Matt Jones (Carterville) 23-17 won by decision over Barry Johnson (Anna (A.-Jonesboro)) 29-12 (Dec 7-4)

145  
Nate Kisat (18-3) placed 1st and scored 23.0 team points.

## Former hometown hoop heroes to face off in alumni games at CEO event in Anna



### Remember when...

**Kyle Schuster, number 15, and Jacob Hileman, number 31, will both be playing in the alumni game. Photo provided.**

On Sunday, Feb. 10, Union County CEO will be hosting a 3v3 basketball tournament and alumni games at Anna Junior High School in Anna.

The 3v3 play will begin at 1 p.m. Dongola vs. Shawnee will be played at 5 p.m., with A-J vs. Cobden to follow at 7 p.m.

The Anna Little Indians will provide entertainment at halftime of the second game. Spectator entry is \$5 for the entire day. Re-entry will be allowed. Signs will be up to direct you to the entry doors.

This will be the first time ever that all of these names will be seen on one court.

Current rosters for each school are as follows:

A-J: Brad Dodd, Jake and Josh Alley, Rick Tweedy, Brady Wright, Kyle Schuster, Jordan Adams, Justin Richardson, Jacob Hileman, Travis Baker, Jeremy Moss, Josh Stegle, Ben McFarland, Dale Pender, Noah Fuller.

Kyle Schuster, who is in the accompanying picture, said: “I think anytime you can partner local communities while involving past and present members it’s a good thing. Not only does it show a sense of pride but it also shows a lot of promise for our future. Everyone involved with putting this together did an excellent job, especially the kids of the Union County CEO program.”

Cobden: Chris Duckworth, Alex Uribe, Josh

Quarterfinal - Nate Kisat (Anna (A.-Jonesboro)) 18-3 received a bye () (Bye)

Semifinal - Nate Kisat (Anna (A.-Jonesboro)) 18-3 won by tech fall over Michael Velazquez (West Frankfort (Frankfort)) 13-13 (TF-1.5 0:00 (21-5))

1st Place Match - Nate Kisat (Anna (A.-Jonesboro)) 18-3 won by fall over Kaleb Ward (Carterville) 27-17 (Fall 0:00)

152  
Chris Johnson (19-13) placed 1st and scored 22.0 team points.

Quarterfinal - Chris Johnson (Anna (A.-Jonesboro)) 19-13 received a bye () (Bye)

Semifinal - Chris Johnson (Anna (A.-Jonesboro)) 19-13 won by fall over Andrew Carter (Sparta) 21-15 (Fall 0:00)

1st Place Match - Chris Johnson (Anna (A.-Jonesboro)) 19-13 won by decision over Caleb Gaylor (West Frankfort (Frankfort)) 20-13 (Dec 6-5)

160  
Justice Kostal (4-16) place is unknown and scored 0.0 team points.

Quarterfinal - James Lamke (Pinckneyville) 13-19 won by major decision over Justice Kostal (Anna (A.-Jonesboro)) 4- 16 (MD 8-0)

Cons. Round 1 - Justice Kostal (Anna (A.-Jonesboro)) 4-16 received a bye () (Bye)

Cons. Semi - David Stultz (West Frankfort (Frankfort)) 20-17 won by fall over Justice Kostal (Anna (A.-Jonesboro)) 4-16 (Fall 0:00)

170  
Bryce Lingle (15-20) placed 2nd and scored 18.0 team points.

Quarterfinal - Bryce Lingle (Anna (A.-Jonesboro)) 15-20 received a bye () (Bye)

Semifinal - Bryce Lingle (Anna (A.-Jonesboro)) 15-20 won by fall over Aiden McNit (Murphysboro) 26-12 (Fall 0:00)

1st Place Match - Connor Eaton (West Frankfort (Frankfort)) 39-3 won by fall over Bryce Lingle (Anna (A.-Jonesboro)) 15-20 (Fall 0:00)

182  
Nick Sanders (30-11) placed 1st and scored 24.0 team points.

Quarterfinal - Nick Sanders (Anna (A.-Jonesboro)) 30-11 received a bye () (Bye)

Semifinal - Nick Sanders (Anna (A.-Jonesboro)) 30-11 won by fall over Nicholas Blaise (Murphysboro) 22-21 (Fall 0:00)

1st Place Match - Nick Sanders (Anna (A.-Jonesboro)) 30-11 won by fall over Isaac Evans (Sparta) 28-10 (Fall 0:00)

195  
Reid Morrison (31-9) placed 1st and scored 24.0 team points.

Quarterfinal - Reid Morrison (Anna (A.-Jonesboro)) 31-9 received a bye () (Bye)

Semifinal - Reid Morrison (Anna (A.-Jonesboro)) 31-9 won by fall over Dakota Poole (Goreville) 3-1 (Fall 0:00)

1st Place Match - Reid Morrison (Anna (A.-Jonesboro)) 31-9 won by fall over Rewn Stearns (Murphysboro) 24-11 (Fall 0:00)

285  
Garrett Fabec (30-11) placed 1st and scored 24.0 team points.

Quarterfinal - Garrett Fabec (Anna (A.-Jonesboro)) 30-11 received a bye () (Bye)

Semifinal - Garrett Fabec (Anna (A.-Jonesboro)) 30-11 won by fall over Caleb Bass (Red Bud) 14-13 (Fall 0:00)

1st Place Match - Garrett Fabec (Anna (A.-Jonesboro)) 30-11 won by fall over Nick Goddard (Sparta) 21-11 (Fall 0:00)

Dawson Johnson, Brady Reynolds.

The Shawnee vs. Dongola game will feature a face off of the number 1 all time points scorers at each school: Brady Reynolds of Shawnee and Kyle Cox of Dongola.

A full concession stand will be available at the event, including grilled pork chops, hamburgers, and hot dogs all provided by Save-a-Lot and Bunny Bread.

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## Harrisburg, Carterville post wins over Wildcats

The Anna-Jonesboro Community High School boys’ basketball team lost twice in recent action.

**Harrisburg 53, A-J 48:** The Wildcats let a first half lead slip away in the loss in the Benton Shootout Saturday, Feb. 2.

Noah McFarland scored 10 points and had 2 rebounds to lead the Wildcats.

Carson Reynolds had 10 points. Tyler Smith had 9 points and 5 rebounds. Blake Pena had 7 points and a rebound.

Conner Jerolds had 5 points and a rebound. Nate Belcher had 7 points and 4 rebounds.

A-J was 14 of 24 in shot attempts from the floor, 4 of 15 from 3-point range and 8 of 13 from the free throw line.

The Bulldogs were 13 of 30 in shot attempts from the floor, 5 of 9 from 3-point range and 12 of 21 from the charity stripe.

**Carterville 58, A-J 56:**

The visiting Lions won in overtime in the Southern Illinois River-to-River Conference Mississippi Division game Friday, Feb. 1.

McFarland had 16 points and 8 rebounds to lead A-J.

Pena had 15 points and 2 rebounds. Smith had 10 points and 4 rebounds. Reynolds had 8 points and 3 rebounds.

Cameron Tweedy had 3 points and a rebound. Zach Overstreet had 2 points and a rebound. Dameron Faust had 2 points.

A-J was 17 of 31 in shot attempts from the floor, 5 of 18 from 3-point range and 7 of 14 from the free throw line.

The Lions were 21 of 36 in shot attempts from the floor, 4 of 13 from 3-point range and 4 of 10 from the charity stripe.

A-J, 6-18, is scheduled to play Friday at Pinckneyville and Saturday at home for Senior Night against Du Quoin.





A panoramic view shows the wrestlers staying warm in preparation for the final round of the tournament. The finals consisted of a first-place championship match and a consolation match for third place.

# Anna-Jonesboro hosts 1A wrestling regional

Anna-Jonesboro Community High School hosted an Illinois High School Class 1A regional championship wrestling tournament on Saturday, Feb. 2. Wrestlers from eight schools competed at the event. The top three wrestlers in each weight class got to advance to the state sectional tournament this weekend. Photos by Benjamin Marxer.



Amiyah Hart won the championship round in the 106-pound weight class with a technical fall victory over Chris David from Pinckneyville.



A-J freshman Barry Johnson finished second in the 138-pound weight class after a hard-fought 7-4 loss by decision in the finals to Matt Johnson of Carterville.



Bryce Lingle of A-J squares off with Connor Eaton of West Frankfort in the championship round in the 170-pound weight class.



Garrett Fabec of A-J works to defeat Sparta's Nick Goddard. With his first-place victory, Fabec will go on to the sectional tournament with hopes of advancing to the state championships.



The final round of the regional championship tournament began with the introduction of the competitors in both the championship and consolation matches. The A-J Wildcats had 11 competitors in the finals.



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STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT  
COURT OF THE 1ST  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
UNION COUNTY

IN RE THE MATTER  
OF:  
Shirley Bea Austin  
CHANGE OF NAME TO:  
Yaomi Hannah Yisreal  
No. 2019-MR-13

NOTICE OF FILING  
OF PETITION FOR  
CHANGE OF NAME

Notice is given you, the public, that on Wednesday, February 13, at 1 p.m., I will file a Petition For Change of Name in this Court asking the Court to change my present name of Shirley Bea Austin to the name of Yaomi Hannah Yisreal.

DATE: January 15, 2019  
PLAINTIFF:  
Shirley Bea Austin  
6-8gc

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT  
COURT OF THE 1ST  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
UNION COUNTY

IN RE THE MATTER  
OF:  
Marrio Dupre Johnson Jr.  
(Shirley B. Austin as  
Guardian)  
CHANGE OF NAME TO:  
Yeremiah Obadiah Yisrael  
No. 2019-MR-14

NOTICE OF FILING  
OF PETITION FOR  
CHANGE OF NAME

Notice is given you, the public, that on Wednesday, February 13, at 1 p.m., I will file a Petition For Change of Name in this Court asking the Court to change my present name of Marrio Dupre Johnson Jr. to the Name of Yeremiah Obadiah Yisrael.

DATE: January 15, 2019  
PLAINTIFF:  
Marrio Dupre Johnson Jr.  
(Shirley B. Austin as  
Guardian)  
6-8gc

IN THE CIRCUIT  
COURT OF THE FIRST  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
UNION COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS

ANNA-JONESBORO  
NATIONAL BANK,  
An Illinois Banking  
Corporation,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
RONALD L. CHARLES,  
DEBRA A. CHARLES,  
ILLINOIS  
DEPARTMENT OF  
REVENUE,  
UNKNOWN OWNERS  
and NON-RECORD  
CLAIMANTS,  
Defendants  
Case No.: 2016-CH-6

NOTICE OF SALE

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above captioned matter on June 10, 2016, the Sheriff in Union County, will by public sale on **February 21, 2019, at 9 a.m.** in the Union Country Courthouse, in Jonesboro, Illinois, sell at public venue to the highest and best bidder, for cash, or cashier's check drawn on a federally or state chartered bank or savings and loan, the following described real estate:

EXHIBIT A

Part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 21, Township 12 South, Range 1 West of the Third Principal Meridian, City of Anna, Union County, Illinois, described as follows: Commencing at the southwest corner of the said Quarter-Quarter; thence North 0° 00' 00" East along the West line of said Quarter-Quarter a distance of 1009.32 feet to the southerly right of way line of Illinois Route 146; thence North 61°

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Tiffany Busby  
Circuit Clerk

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# Obituaries

## Geraldine McLane

Geraldine McLane, 89, of Anna, died Friday, Feb. 1, 2019, at Integrity Healthcare in Anna.

She was born on Feb. 21, 1929, in Jonesboro, the daughter of William and Bertha Hinkle Mayberry.

She married Raymond Roy “Speedy” McLane on Feb. 14, 1954, at Valley Mission in Jonesboro. He preceded her in death on Oct. 10, 1991.

Mrs. McLane is survived by her three sons, Raymond Leon (Myra) McLane of Jonesboro, Cletus William (Becky) McLane of Metropolis and James Lee (Yvonne) McLane of Jonesboro; eight grandchildren, Shawna McLane, C.J. (Rachel) McLane, Benjamin (Amber) McLane, Jamie L. McLane, Matthew (Bethany) McLane, Christina (Dean) Warden, Cassandra (Andy) Lessar and Jonathon (Becky) McLane; 13 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Floyd (Vicki) Mayberry and Richard (Jean) Mayberry, all of Jonesboro; other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a great-grandson, Enoch McLane; two sisters, Mildred Wright and Helen Kazee; and five brothers, Robert, “A.P”, Dugan, Raymond and Sherman Mayberry.

She was a member of the Tamms Pentecostal Church for many years.

Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 4, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro, with Raymond, Jim and Cletus McLane officiating. Interment was in the Valley Mission Cemetery in Jonesboro.

Memorials can be made to Valley Mission Cemetery.

To view the obituary and to leave online condolences for the family, visit [www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com](http://www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com).

**RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN**  
FUNERAL HOMES

Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro was in charge of arrangements.

## Gail West Rigby

Gail West Rigby, 78, of Gainesville, Ga., died Saturday morning, Feb. 2, 2019.

She was born on Nov. 20, 1940, in Cache, the daughter of Daisy Fisher West and Joshua West.

She was educated in Grand Chain and in Elkhart, Ind.

She met Terry in Elkhart, Ind. at Youth for Christ meetings. They were married on June 5, 1959, at the First Church of God in Elkhart, Ind.

For many years she taught Good News Clubs, gave piano lessons and reared her children, working at R.R. Donnelleys to send them to college. She faithfully attended local churches, serving by playing the piano and organ, and singing.

She was preceded in death by her son, James Lee Rigby, who died on July 2, 1995; brothers Bruce, Gene and Jack; a sister, Sue, and brother-in-law, Robert; brothers-in-law Gene Winterbottom and Chuck Thomason; sister-in-law Donna (Sichling) West; and sister and brother-in-law, Loyd and Sue Hayes.

She is survived by her husband of 59 years, Terry Rigby; a daughter, Dawn (Steve) White of Gainesville, Ga.; a daughter, Joy (Brian) Weiss of Indianapolis, Ind.; sons-in-law Steve White and Brian Weiss; four grandchildren, Stevie (Monika) White, Sarah (Brian) Phillips, Carly and Madison Weiss; as well as one great-grandson, James.

She is also survived by her siblings, Langley (Wanda) West, Luella Thomason, Jane Winterbottom, Joann West and Patsy (Frank) Stetter; sisters-in-law Shirley Bunker West and Sherrie Gardner West; as well as a sister and brother-in-law, Tim and Connie Rigby.

Services in Georgia were at Memorial Park North Riverside Chapel at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6.

Local services will be Saturday, Feb. 9, at 11 a.m. at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Burial will be in the Friendship Cemetery near Dongola.

Visitation will be Saturday, Feb. 9, from 9:30 a.m. until 11 a.m. at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

Memorials can be made to Child Evangelism Fellowship, P.O. Box 348, Warrenton, Mo. 63383.

To share a memory or to leave an online message of condolence for the family, visit [www.baileyfh.com](http://www.baileyfh.com).

Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna is in charge of arrangements.

## Harlan Coffman

Harlan Coffman, 81, of Jonesboro, died Monday, Feb. 4, at Union County Hospital in Anna.

Mr. Coffman was born on July 3, 1937.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 8, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro. Interment will be in the Jonesboro Cemetery.

Friends can call from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, today, at Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro.

**RENDLEMAN & HILEMAN**  
FUNERAL HOMES

Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Jonesboro is in charge of arrangements.



## Barbara Ann Modglin Prinster

Barbara Ann Prinster (nee Modglin), of Dardenne Prairie, Mo., died on Thursday, Jan. 24, 2019, at the age of 76.

She was the wife of 55 years of Paul C. Prinster; the daughter of the late Edward D. and Thelma Modglin; the devoted mother of Christina Prinster, Cynthia Prinster, Kimberly (Alan) Holton, James (Christine Pykiet) Prinster, and David Prinster (fiancee Mighty Tinambacan); grandmother of Brandon (Zoe) Holton, AJ Holton (fiancee Kim), Haley (Jackson) Rushin, Collin Holton and Jacob Prinster; great-grandmother of Isla Holton and one on the way; sister of the late Edward L. Modglin.

She is also survived by her fur babies, Hank and Cricket, and many grandogs and grandcats.

Barbara (Modglin) Prinster was born and raised in Anna. She attended Anna-Jonesboro Community High School, where she made many lifelong friends whom she still kept in contact with. She loved her home town.

She remained in Anna until she met her Prince Charming, Paul Prinster, was married, and moved to O’Fallon, Mo., where they raised five children.

She retired from the Fort Zumwalt school district after 25 years in food service.

She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Dardenne Prairie for 55 years. She was a member of the Knights of Columbus No. 2273 and the Knights of Columbus 4th Degree ladies auxiliary of St. Philippine Duchesne No. 571.

Her family said she was an amazing lady with a beautiful soul. She had a heart of gold and will be remembered for her loving spirit, big smile, great stories and contagious laughter.

Even when she was fighting through her health issues, Barbara always made light of it and didn’t let it slow her down. She always fought and got back up with her husband right by her side.

She loved spending time with her friends and was always willing to help anyone in need. Most importantly, she dearly loved her husband, children and grandchildren. She was always her children and grandchildren’s number one fan. She will always be remembered for how big she loved and how big she was loved.

Memorial contributions may be made in her honor to St. Luke’s Hospital or to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church of Dardenne Prairie.

The family extended a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has shared prayers, warm thoughts, and sympathy before and during their time of grief.

The family also shared a special thank you to all the staff of St. Luke’s Hospital: to the medical staff for their exceptional care and treatment during Barbara’s stay in the Cardiac ICU, Cath Lab, and 6700; to the cleaning staff who went above and beyond to check on Barbara’s family in ICU waiting room during her stay; to the pastoral care team who encouraged and prayed with Barbara’s family; and the kind cafeteria employees who treated the Prinster Family as part of their own.

Funeral Mass was at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 29, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Dardenne. Interment was on Jan. 29 in St. Charles Memorial Gardens. Baue Funeral and Memorial Center was in charge of arrangements.



## Dorothy Elizabeth Stanley Whaley

Dorothy Elizabeth Stanley Whaley, died Sunday, Feb. 3, 2019, at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale.

She was born on Jan. 25, 1948, in Carbondale, the daughter of Harry and Polly Hawk Williams.

She married Ronald Dean Stanley and later married Clyde Whaley. Both of her husbands preceded her in death.

She is survived by her seven children, Janis Lynne (Kenneth) Dunn of Carbondale, Terry Allen (Donna) Stanley of Cobden, Julie Ann (Spencer) McDonald of Gering, Neb., Sheila Marie (David) Rexroat of Wildwood, Mo., Shelly Gaye Parker of Gering, Neb., Juanita Lucille (Billie) Plott of Anna and Beth Renee Patterson of Carbondale; 19 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; three sisters, Janie (Rudy) Stowers of Benton, Pearl Williams and Cheryl Williams, both of Cobden; a niece, Kelli Pearson of Cobden; many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her two husbands; two daughters, Mildred “Millie” Etherton and Karen Faye Gardner; and one son, Ronald “Ron” Dean Stanley Jr.

She worked for many years as an accountant. She loved her family and she dearly enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren. She was an animal lover and enjoyed her cats.

Memorial services are pending and will be announced at a later date.

To view the obituary and to leave online condolences for the family, visit [www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com](http://www.rendlemanhilemanfh.com).

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Rendleman & Hileman Funeral Home in Cobden is in charge of arrangements.

## Arlynn del Greco

Arlynn del Greco, 85, died Monday, Dec. 24, 2018, at her home in Fairhope, Ala.

She was born on June 19, 1933, in Anna, the daughter of Edmund and Alice McCree.

She graduated from Anna-Jonesboro Community High School in 1951. She received her bachelor of arts degree in education from Carthage College in Illinois in 1957.

She married Charlie Rife while in college, later joining him for a military posting in Hawaii.

After their military years, she lived with her husband, now a doctor, in Rochester, Minn.

She was the mother of two children, Sarah and Christopher.

She worked as an elementary school teacher, displaying a tenderness for helping children.

In the 1980s, she received a nursing degree and a master of arts degree from Hood College in Frederick, Md., and worked as a PRN Nurse and Kelly girl, the predecessor to hospice.

She remarried in January of 1986 to Dr. Francesco del Greco in Leesburg, Va., and moved to Chicago. They both retired to Fairhope in 1997.

She lived life to the fullest through simple pleasures: creating her own fashions, caring for her gardens, painting and spending time with her friends and family. She had an ability to reach people in a deep and positive way.

She is survived by her sisters, Linda Hallberg and Martha Lynch; her daughter, Sarah Rife Kaye; grandchildren Banks and Willa Kaye; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Family, friends and others whose lives she touched are invited to attend her memorial service at St. Paul’s Episcopal Chapel in Magnolia Springs, Ala., on March 16. Those who attend the service will reminisce, support each other and celebrate her life.

## Reynoldsville News

By Sue Eudy

Sue Eudy visited with Ervina Johnson of Jonesboro on Thursday, Jan. 24.

Visiting with Sue and Steve Eudy were Ryan Wachter of Jonesboro and Kevin and Jennifer Eudy.

Russ and Patsy Pender of Olive Branch were supper guests of Maxine and Fred Pender of Fair City on Wednesday, Jan. 23.

Gary Gibbs of Jonesboro visited Monday with Fred and Maxine Pender.

Happy birthday to Lori Pender of Jonesboro on Monday, Jan. 28. Lori and husband Brad were supper guests of his parents on Monday night to celebrate Lori’s birthday.

Shirley Miller of McClure visited Tuesday, Jan.

22, with Marjie Stark of Anna.

Those enjoying pizza at Pizza Hut in Anna on Tuesday, Jan. 22, were Deanie and Jerry Hinkle of Jonesboro, Ermadell Elkins, Alexa Hinkle and Jady Samuels, all of Anna, and Shirley Miller.

Happy birthday wishes to our great-granddaughter, Jade Driscoll of Cape Girardeau, who was 3 years old on Sunday, Jan. 27.

You are invited to attend services at Reynoldsville Missionary Baptist Church. Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning worship service is at 10:30 a.m. Sunday evening worship service is at 6 p.m. Rev. Jamie Bridgeman is the pastor.

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### "The Preaching Pen"

#### I Thank God & Country for Abortion

Yeah, you read the title right, but these aren’t my words, they’re the words of the MSNBC host of “TheCycle,” Touré Neblett. Neblett gave thanks to God and country for having the “safety net” of abortion to “save him.” His exact quote was, “I thank God and country that when I fell into a bad situation, abortion was there to save me and keep me on a path toward building a strong family I have now.” You readers will have to help me out with this one, because I don’t see how baby-murder in any way, shape, form, or fashion can be connected with building a strong family.



Quoting brother Steve Higginbotham on this subject, “The public nature of this statement, and the lack of any shame is mind-boggling to me. What kind of a man sacrifices the life of a baby, his own baby, to save his own? This wasn’t even an action done to “save” his own life as he stated, but rather to preserve a lifestyle he felt was more valuable than the life of his own child.”

You see, he got an old girlfriend pregnant 15 years ago. He said he was extremely thankful abortion was an option because he wasn’t ready to be a dad, and because she “wasn’t the one.”

“Wasn’t ready to be a dad; she wasn’t the one...” This fellow commits the sin of having sex outside of wedlock (fornication - Gal. 5:19-21), and then, instead of owning up to his mistake, he and his equally morally-depraved girlfriend murder the innocent child she was carrying. Unconscionable!

In the U.S. alone 1,370,000 babies are murdered each year. Now, Virginia and New York want to make it even easier to murder babies. Friends, this is sad beyond description, and for what it’s worth, how long will it take a society who devalues babies to also devalue its elderly? Well, the waiting is over. Here’s an excerpt from a story about elder abuse from MSN News: “While the woman was living with a close family member... her money was being drained away by people overcharging for her grocery shopping, while her body and spirit were sapped by physical neglect and emotional torment. She says she was usually ordered to "go to bed," where she lay in a dark room, upset, unable to sleep. "She just yelled at me all the time. Screamed at me, cussed me out," the woman says of a family member. "I don't know what happened. She just got tired of me, I guess." This is just the “tip of the iceberg.” What about elder care (or lack of it) under the “Affordable Care Act?”

God hates hands that shed innocent blood (Prov. 6:16-17), and He expects us to honor the elderly (Lev. 19:22). If society can’t turn from sin and toward a greater degree of morality, then I echo the prayer of the apostle John, “Come, Lord Jesus” (Rev. 22.20).



R.W. McAlister, Minister  
Anna church of Christ

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**Gothic Avenue mosaic**  
A mosaic photograph is featured in Charles Swedlund’s “Art & Fact” exhibit at the University Museum on the campus of Southern Illinois University Carbondale. The mosaic consists of approximately 650 photographs from Mammoth Cave in Kentucky.

# Museum exhibit highlights beauty, history of caves

The beauty, history and mystery of caves are highlighted at an exhibit which is underway at the University Museum on the campus of Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

The exhibit features hundreds of photographs taken by photographer Charles Swedlund of Cobden. Swedlund is a professor emeritus at SIUC.

The exhibit opened Jan. 22 in the SIUC University Museum’s Mitchell, Continuum and Atrium galleries. The exhibit is scheduled to remain on display through July 20.

An opening reception and short gallery talk were held Friday evening, Feb. 1, at the museum.

Current and former Union County residents were among the many people who attended the reception and gallery talk.

After spending over 35 years absorbed in cave photography, Swedlund has quite the perspective on the subterranean world of Mammoth Cave, Carlsbad Caverns, Mystery Cave and other similar natural sites.

Starting in 1982, Swedlund’s focus has centered on the various aspects of caves and caverns.

At first, his attention centered on the stunning natural forms found in the longest cave system known in the world, Mammoth Cave, which is located in south central Kentucky.

The landmark is in the National Park Service’s Mammoth Cave National Park.

The park service explains on its website that “Mammoth Cave National Park preserves the cave system and a part of the Green River valley and hilly country of south central Kentucky. This is the world’s longest cave system, with more than 400 miles explored.”

Swedlund took multiple tourist trips with an altered 4 by 5 camera and captured the massive rock formations and unusual landscapes which can be seen at Mammoth Cave.

This turned into an of-

ficial project to document all the historic and prehistoric inscriptions in the cave and to create a database of names and dates.

The effort was aimed toward cultural preservation and reclamation.

After dozens of trips through the historic national park and years of taking photographs, Swedlund turned his attention to wild caves, the areas not normally accessible to the public.

Some students offered to take him to a cave found on private property in Southern Illinois.

This was the beginning of a new journey of photographing in wild caves.

He joined a local grotto, Little Egyptian Grotto, and established a regular routine of weekend expeditions. For Swedlund, caving quickly turned into a passion.

“I find a great feeling of tranquility being in a cave,” Swedlund said. “The darkness is not foreboding, but rather a welcome cloak.”

“The relationship between dark and light intrigues me. A formation that took thousands/hundreds of thousands of years to form is in the dark sleeping. Light enables it to awake, be seen and appreciated,” Swedlund said.

In his 35 years of caving, Swedlund visited 56 caves, including national parks, tourist caves and wild caves.

He also served for 12 years as one of the principal researchers at an Earthwatch Expedition in Mammoth Cave.

During the gallery talk Friday evening in the University Museum, Swedlund reflected on the beauty, history and mystery of the caves which he has visited over the years.

Swedlund said that he finds caves to be “absolutely fascinating.” He described Kentucky’s Mammoth Cave as “an incredible repository of history.”

Mammoth Cave is the home of Gothic Avenue, which is featured in a mo-



**Exhibit...and photographer**  
“Art & Fact” is the title of Charles Swedlund’s exhibit. Swedlund, seen at the right, welcomed those who attended a reception which was held Friday evening, Feb. 1, at the University Museum.



**Gallery talk**  
Photographer Charles Swedlund of Cobden, standing at left, gave a gallery talk Friday evening, held, as part of the opening reception of his “Art & Fact” exhibit at the University Museum.

saic photograph which is a part of the “Art & Fact” exhibit.

Information shared at the exhibit explains that the mosaic consists of approximately 650 photographs. Each seven-inch photograph is a record of a

meter square area of Gothic Avenue’s ceiling.

The ceiling is covered with the names – many, many names – left by visitors to Mammoth Cave.

Visitors, “probably with help” from their guide, “used a lit candle attached

to a long stick. Being very careful to hold the candle close, but not too close to extinguish the flame, the smoke from the candle deposited its soot producing a black mark. This technique only worked on ceilings.”

Swedlund shared that each of the names of the ceiling “are beautiful” and “have historical significance.”

“The names are not just beautiful – they are links to wonderful stories,” he said.

In addition to his years of caving, Swedlund taught aesthetics, techniques, methods and history of photography in SIU’s cinema and photography department for 29 years.

He also spent time teaching at Harvard University, the Institute of Design in Chicago, the Art Institute in Chicago and State University College at Buffalo.

He has won numerous awards and grants, and his work is in several permanent collections, including:

The Museum of Modern Art in New York City. The Art Institute of Chicago.

Paul J. Getty Museum, Los Angeles, California. Bibliotheque Nationale in Paris, France.

The National Museum of Art in Kyoto, Japan Bauhaus-Archive Museum fur Gestaltung in Berlin, Germany.

The University Museum is located at 1000 Faner Dr., Faner Hall, door number 12, on the SIUC campus.

Gallery admission is free and open to the public Tuesday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Saturday, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Public metered parking is available across from the Student Center and beside Woody Hall.

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(Editor’s note: This article includes information about the “Art & Fact” exhibit which was shared with The Gazette-Democrat prior to last week’s reception and gallery talk. The article also includes information from news.siu.edu, the National Park Service and from the reception and gallery talk which was held at the University Museum.)



# THE GAZETTE-DEMOCRAT

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Section B



## Church in the snow

The grounds around the First Presbyterian Church in Cobden were covered with a light dusting of snow on Thursday morning, Jan. 31. The snow had fallen on Wednesday night, Jan. 30.

## Maple Syrup Festival, pancake breakfast set at Touch of Nature

Southern Illinois University Carbondale's Touch of Nature Environmental Center is planning to host its annual Maple Syrup Festival and pancake breakfast on Feb. 23-24.

Breakfast is scheduled to be served from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The menu will feature homemade pancakes and maple syrup made from sugar maple sap harvested at Touch of Nature.

Tickets are available online at [www.ton.siu.edu](http://www.ton.siu.edu). Prices are \$12 each for ages 13 and older and \$6 for children ages 6 to 12. Kids age 5 or younger eat free.

Tickets will also be available at the door for \$15 for ages 13 and older or \$8 for children ages 6 to 12.

While tickets are required for the breakfast, the rest of the festival is free and open to all.

The festivities are scheduled to take place from 9

a.m. to 3 p.m. each day at Touch of Nature Environmental Center, which is located about 8 miles south of Carbondale on Giant City Road.

The family friendly event features a wide variety of activities, including maple syrup making demonstrations, a climbing wall and interpretive hikes around the center, which is set on a 3,200-acre plot adjacent to the Shawnee National Forest.

Hands-on outdoor environmental educational activities for young people are planned throughout the day. The day also will feature blacksmith and lumberjack demonstrations, vendors and artisans.

Displays will showcase natural woven baskets, beekeeping, alpaca yarn, silk embroidery, goat's milk products, handmade textiles and jewelry, natural soaps

and lotions, wood and pottery crafts and handmade ropes.

American Indian author/historian George Godfrey is scheduled to be on hand and visitors can also watch as hides are tanned and experience what it was like to employ survival skills in primitive times.

No registration is required just for the festival. For more information about the festival, or to get tickets for the pancake breakfast, visit <http://ton.siu.edu/events/maple-syrup-festival.php>, call 618-453-1121 or email [tonec@siu.edu](mailto:tonec@siu.edu).

Community sponsors for this year's Maple Syrup Festival and pancake breakfast are River Radio of Southern Illinois and Laborers Local 773. Event sponsors are the SIU Credit Union and Paul Melzer's Country Financial in Murphysboro.

## Southern Illinois legislator co-chair of Congressional Fire Services Caucus

The leadership of the Congressional Fire Services Caucus has selected U.S. Rep. Mike Bost, R-Ill., to serve as a co-chair.

Bost, of Murphysboro, assumes the position following the retirement of former-Congressman David Reichert at the end of the 115th Congress.

Currently serving his third term in the House, Bost previously served for two decades in the Illinois House of Representatives.

Bost also served as a firefighter for the Murphysboro Fire Department.

He graduated from the University of Illinois' Certified Firefighter II Academy in 1993 and continued to serve the Murphysboro Fire Department during his six terms as state representative.

The Congressman served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1979 to 1982.

"As a former firefighter, I know firsthand the dedication our first responders

show to the communities they serve," Bost said in a news release.

"I'm honored to stand shoulder to shoulder with my firefighter brothers and sisters who put their lives on the line for their communities. I'm humbled by this opportunity to be a leading voice for them in Congress through the Fire Services Caucus."

"We welcome Congressman Bost to the leadership of the Congressional Fire Services Caucus and thank him for his willingness to serve," said Bill Webb, executive director of the Congressional Fire Services Institute.

"As a firefighter, the Congressman will bring an important perspective to the Fire Caucus. I applaud the decision of the Fire Caucus leadership in selecting the Congressman to join their ranks. I have no doubt he will continue the tradition of strong, bipartisan leadership that has made the Fire

Caucus so successful."

The Congressional Fire Services Caucus leadership is composed of eight members: four each from the U.S. Senate and U.S. House.

Maintaining the bipartisan spirit of the caucus, leadership is split evenly between party lines with four Democrats and four Republicans.

The other co-chairs include Congressman Steny Hoyer of Maryland, Congressman Peter King of New York, Congressman Bill Pascrell Jr. of New Jersey, Sen. Tom Carper of Delaware, Sen. Susan Collins of Maine, Sen. Jon Tester of Montana and Sen. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska.

The Fire Caucus is among the largest caucuses in Congress.

Members join to learn more about the nation's fire and emergency services and the federal government's role in addressing the needs of the nation's fire and emergency services.



## CEO class meeting

The Union County CEO class of 2019 met recently with Tim Denny of the Law Offices of Foley and Denny at the Southern ReMax office in Anna. Students will hear the stories of more than 75 business and community leaders during the course of the class. Photo provided.

## Union County CEO program accepting applications for 2020

The CEO program of Union County is accepting online applications for 2020 juniors and seniors who are interested in participating in next year's CEO (Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities) program, a two-credit hour high school class that meets daily in local businesses.

The new digital application is accessed through [unioncountyceo.org](http://unioncountyceo.org).

A click on "Student Recruitment" sends potential candidates a link to more student-centered information, and then when ready, the "Apply Now" tab begins the process.

The applications can be completed in parts on a phone or computer and are due Feb. 15. Applicants then will have until Feb. 25 to have online references completed.

Submitted applications will have all personal and school information redacted so that selection is a blind process.

Students may contact any Union County high school counselor for more information.

Home-schooled or private school students are welcomed to apply as well and may contact Evelyn Bailey, 618-867-4038, for process details.

In a recent survey of the CEO alumni, they were asked what CEO skills they had found most helpful in college life.

University of Oklahoma freshman and Army ROTC member John Russell replied, "All of the soft skills I learned have helped me immensely in college." He also advised high school upperclassmen, "Set your goals high. Don't sell yourself short."

Jessa Bond, a first-year Shawnee Community College nursing student, said, "The skills I have learned in CEO are so valuable to me. Learning to take responsibility for my actions, to ask questions, and to always exceed expectations have helped me greatly while I am in school and in every other area of my life."

Lindenwood University junior and cheerleader Samantha Smith responded, "I definitely think the most important CEO benefit has been the ability to network with adults and professionals in the industry."

"CEO has provided a great platform to seek others as resources and connect on a professional level. It is always very easy for me

to approach my professors, guest speakers, or potential employers and start up a conversation.

"I have felt very prepared because many of the concepts have been introduced to me through the CEO program."

Samantha's advice to high school students was: "Take advantage of the opportunities CEO will provide, make connections, listen, and try to discover things you're passionate about."

"Be open to new ideas and be engaged. Also, set goals in high school and start working towards them."

"You are not too young to have big ideas, and if you are looking for opportunity now, you are more likely to find things you didn't even know about."

"Enjoy high school as much as you can, but know that there are so many exciting things out there and let that motivate you as you're planning your future."

"Don't let being comfortable where you are now stop you from achieving bigger things. As I'm sure you're learning, the higher the risk the higher the reward."

CEO exposes students

to business practices, connects them with leaders in their community, and allows them to practice communication, problem solving, and networking in a variety of settings.

Ultimately, it guides each team member through starting and running their own functioning small business, all while cultivating essential skills and an expansive, long-lasting network of community members and business owners.

These skills and experiences also assist with scholarship applications and interviews. The class of 2018 received over \$200,000 in scholarships.

Union County CEO is entirely supported by local businesses and organizations as well as individual investors.

The local program is a chapter of the Midland Institute for Entrepreneurship, which supports approximately 50 excellent CEO (Creating Entrepreneurship Opportunities).

Programs that are long term economic development programs for nationwide forward-thinking communities.

## Illinois State Police District 22 welcomes two new troopers

Illinois State Police District 22 is welcoming two new troopers — Adrian Meyer and Damon Miers. Union County is in District 22.

The new troopers joined the ranks of the Illinois State Police on Dec. 28, 2018, after their class, CC 128, graduated from the Illinois State Police Academy in Springfield.

The officers have begun their 14-week field training program in District 22, which has its headquarters in Ullin.

The new troopers will be working with a field training officer to implement the knowledge and skills they learned in the academy.

Capt. Michael Alvey, the commander of District 22, shared the following information about the new troopers:

Adrian Meyer: Trooper Meyer is a graduate of Lawrenceville High School, Wabash Valley College and Vincennes University.

Meyer worked for three years as a police officer for the Mt. Carmel Police Department prior to joining the ranks of the Illinois State Police.

Damon Miers: Trooper Miers is a graduate of Roch-

ester High School. Miers served 11 years in the U.S. Army, where he served as an infantryman and recruiter. He had three deployments to Afghanistan with Operation Enduring Freedom.

Miers currently serves as a staff sergeant in the Illinois Army National Guard and is assigned to the Illinois Military Academy.

## Princess Tea planned in Anna

A Princess Tea is planned Saturday afternoon, Feb. 9, in Anna.

The tea will be from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Main Street Center.

The center is located along South Main Street, across from the First Evangelical United Presbyterian Church.

The tea will feature British pastries, a silent auction, a photo booth, crafts and other activities.

Admission will be by donation only.

Proceeds will go towards the Children's Miracle Network and to help pageant participant Clare Bunyan of Cobden with her platform of "a hidden disability met with capability."







# Dongola School announces honor roll students, those with perfect attendance

The Dongola School District has announced second quarter honor roll students, as well as students with perfect attendance.

**Superintendent’s Honor Roll**

Seniors, superintendent’s honor roll: Journee Rushing, Hailey O’Dea, Bethany Qualls.

Juniors, superintendent’s honor roll: Dailee Cummins, Breanna Smith, Ashley Sullens, Jayden Westbrook.

Sophomores, superintendent’s honor roll: Alex Ames, Michelle Wolford, Madi Boner, Maddie Keller.

Freshmen, superintendent’s honor roll: Melanie Altamirano, Connor Crider, Autumn Dixon, Brooklyn Hogue, Madison Delgadillo, Kristien Duckworth.

8th grade, superintendent’s honor roll: Ariana Cosenza, Presley Hoffman, Peyton Lingle, Mady Mead, Katlyn Smith.

7th grade, superintendent’s honor roll: Cheyenne Felder, Blake Herren, DJ Higgins.

6th grade, superintendent’s honor roll: Katie Theis, Kiara Aden, Kinley Lingle.

5th grade, superintendent’s honor roll: Jersey Wright, Jayda Shepard, Chloe Rowley, Jessie Quinn, Kurt Petrich, Valerie Peppers, Dawson Nicholas, Korina Mize, Dakota Merydith, Louella Lum-

bley, Kinsey Kahl, Drake Hilliard, Seth Eddleman, Sadie Cross, Dusti Bracken, Mikyla Bean, Antonio Altamirano.

4th grade, superintendent’s honor roll: Caroline Wright, Ashlynn Welch, Daisy Urban, Michael Rossi, Henry Maginel, Caleb Gaddis, Joseph Conkle, Philip Bracken.

3rd grade, superintendent’s honor roll: Hunter Waid, Reaslyn Shepard, Eli Laminack, Carleigh Lewis, Kyle Holderfield, Natalee Gaddis, Benjamin Flores.

2nd grade, superintendent’s honor roll: Skyli Zinn, Daylon Williamson, Zoey Thorne, Jersey Shepard, Scarlet Myer, Benjamin Melvin, Rilee Lytle, Joey Johns, Avery Thomas, Frank Gaddis, Deyton Francis, Whitney Conkle, Ruger Chick, Kaden Ames, Nathan Aden.

1st grade, superintendent’s honor roll: Kye Wheaton, Layne Vernon, Kourtney Vanderpool, Liam Robinson, Lucas Sharp, Hunter Kissiar, Catelynn Newell, Brantley Hoffman, Brooklyn Gaddis, Conway Smith, Aleena Pfau.

**Honor Roll**

High school honor roll: Jamie Anderson, Cameron Halphen, Destiny Teller, Cameron Hogue, Michael Sevenski, Andrew Tarpley, Joey Thomas, Robbie Hammond, Billy Thomas.

Junior high honor roll: Logan Gore, Payton Hill-

iard, Catherine Thomas, Isaiah Pitts, Charlie Aden, Hailey Wright, Julian Westbrook.

Elementary honor roll: Aaron Wiseman, Hunter Wasuleski, Nathan Aden, Chance Melvin, Alivia Mead, Daniel Holderfield, Jenna Casey, Eli Stroehlein, Katlyn Smith, Brian Neal, Bailey Griffin, Kenleigh Wheaton, Jessie Welch, Reagan Quinn, Serenity Miller, Maddie Moss, Jimmy Wallace, Miley Sturgeon, Collin Smith, Eric Reed.

**Perfect Attendance**

High school perfect attendance for the second quarter: Charlie Duty, Madison Delgadillo, Kristen Duckworth, Michelle Wolford, Brooklyn Hogue, Alex Ames, Addyson Zeschke.

Junior high perfect attendance for the second quarter: Cristian Perez, Cheyenne Felder, DJ Higgins, Avery Kinslow, Mady Mead.

Elementary school perfect attendance for second quarter: Blaze Smalley, Jayda Shepard, Chloe Rowley, Gabbie Hight, Seth Eddleman, James Stein, Brian Neal, Bailey Griffin, Riley Lytle, Natalee Gaddis, Jersey Shepard, Layne Vernon, Frank Gaddis, Colton Heffner, Sebastain Harper, Harper Griffin, Jack Gaddis.



**Dongola School students of the month for January**  
The Dongola School District has announced students of the month for January. The students include, in the first row, from left, Jayda Shepard, 5th grade; William Bracken, 4th grade; Carleigh Lewis 3rd grade; Jersey Shepard, 2nd grade; Layne Vernon, 1st grade; Justus Helton, kindergarten; Maddox Godinez, pre-kindergarten; and Charolette Goss, pre-kindergarten. In the second row are Charlie Duty, senior; Autumn Dixon, freshman; Mary Grace Nicholas, 8th; Payton Hilliard, 7th grade; and Kinley Lingle, 6th grade. Junior Colin Hall and sophomore Anabelle Durham could not be present for the picture. Photo provided.

# Illinois State Senator Paul Schimpf shares week in review

Firearm legislation, a college savings plan, deer hunting and an opioid program were addressed in a Feb. 1 week in review issued by State Sen. Paul Schimpf, R-Waterloo.

**Firearm Legislation**

Schimpf shared that many gun owners are concerned about recently introduced legislation (House Bill 888) that would force law-abiding citizens to give the state access to their personal social media accounts for merely considering exercising their constitutional right to own a firearm.

Also, just as alarming, Schimpf said, is Senate Bill 107, which calls for a ban on the sale or the unregistered possession of dozens of semi-automatic firearms, dubbed, “assault weapons.”

The Senate bill would also force law-abiding gun owners to pay additional fees and consent to a massive government registry simply for owning these firearms, otherwise risk penalties such as steep fines and hard time, Schimpf stated.

“Both of these bills would seriously infringe upon the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding gun owners while doing nothing to reduce crime,” Schimpf said. “I will continue to work to stop this kind of legislation from moving forward.”

**College Illinois!**

College Illinois!, which is a tax-advantaged college savings plan designed to encourage families to set aside funds for future school costs, was up for discussion at the Statehouse.

A joint hearing before the state Senate Appropriations II and Higher Education committees was held Jan. 29.

Eric Zarnikow of the

Illinois Student Assistance Commission, ISEA, gave a presentation to committee members.

The presentation outlined the College Illinois! program and shared what he claims it could need in order to stay afloat.

Zarnikow said the unfunded liability by the end of the fiscal year last year was more than \$300 million. He believes the state will need to provide \$81 million before 2026 in order to meet the moral obligation clause.

**Deer Season Results**

Schimpf said that Illinois hunters harvested a preliminary total of 151,577 deer during all 2018-2019 archery and firearm seasons, which concluded on Jan. 20, according to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

The total preliminary deer harvest for all seasons compares with a total harvest for all seasons of 147,695 deer in 2017-2018.

During the 2018-2019 deer seasons, hunters took 45 percent does and 55 percent males.

**Opioid Alternative Pilot Program Launches**

Individuals looking to register for the Opioid Alternative Pilot Program, OAPP, can now do so online through the Illinois Cannabis Tracking System.

The OAPP, which is part of the Medical Cannabis Pilot Program, MCPP, was created through the Alternative to Opioids Act of 2018.

The program allows access to medical cannabis for individuals who have or could receive a prescription for opioids as certified by a physician licensed in Illinois.

The program was designed to provide people with an option to manage their pain.

Opioids can be highly addictive in a very short period of time and this program offers qualifying individuals an alternative.

Potential participants can register on entellitrak. More information about the OAPP and the MCPP can be found on the Illinois Department of Public Health website.

# News from Anna Nazarene Church

Congregational songs on Sunday morning were led by Pastor Wright, Abby Barlow, Harley and Madison Schnaare and accompanied by Jack and Nina Shepard.

Ushers for the morning worship service were Curly Ralls, Mark Smith, Jason Elkins and Terry Wiseman Sr.

Special music was provided by Abby Barlow.

An anointing service was held for special needs of the congregation.

The message was titled “Are You A Disciple?” The message was brought by Pastor Wright from John.

Music for the Sunday evening worship service was led by Pastor Randy Wright, Harley and Madison Schnaare accompanied by Jack and Nina Shepard.

Ushers for the evening worship service were Mark Smith, Terry Wiseman Sr., Jason Elkins and Noah Wiseman.

Special music was provided by Jessica Elkins.

The message, “God Will Fight Your Battles,” was brought by Pastor Randy Wright from 2nd Chronicles.

A missionary service is planned Feb. 17. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish for the meal.

On Feb. 24, the children’s Bible Quizzers will compete against the adult Quizzers at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Bible study is planned at 7 p.m. on Fridays at the parsonage, which is located at 115 Mallard Ln. in Anna. Those who attend are asked to bring finger foods and snacks.

Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. Worship services are Sunday at 10:35 a.m. and 6 p.m. and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Youth services are at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. Children’s Bible quizzing is planned at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday and 5 p.m. on Sunday.

# News from First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

Pastor Perry Williams brought the message on Sunday, Feb. 3.

Dee Rose led the worship. Chris Rose provided special music.

A River to River Sunday School class is planned at the center at 9:45 a.m. Thursday, today.

Titus 2 ladies Bible study is planned at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 9.

Birthdays: Miranda Bunden, Joe McRaven, Feb. 6; Jean Kohler, Feb. 7; Peyton Clymore, Feb. 10.

Anniversary: James and Jerri Miller, 43 years, Feb. 6 (Jerri is the church secretary).

The schedule for worship at the church for this coming week includes Bible study at 9 a.m. on Sunday, and worship services at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Youth meet at 5 p.m. on Sunday. Dig-In Children’s Ministry is planned from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday and is for children from 3 years of age through 6th grade.

An adult Bible study and prayer meeting is planned at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

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# Anna News

By Martha Ann Webb

Please have news to me by Sunday night. Email me at marthanews@frontier.com, mail to me at 118 W. Monroe St., leave news in the back of the green box at the right of my front door or call me at 833-5717.

### Special Thanks

Thanks to Brenda Allen and Dorothy Aspin for giving me credit when they renewed their subscriptions to The Gazette-Democrat.

### Holiday Vacation

During the holidays, Tammy and Lyle Woodrum visited their sons and families in Frisco and Grand Prairie, Texas.

The weather was beautiful and they enjoyed going to the Elton John Farewell Yellow Brick Road concert/tour at American Airlines Center, as well as a night out watching The Phantom of the Opera performance at Fair Park.

While in Texas, they also escaped for a few days to enjoy the beach in Galveston.

Gia, their granddaughter, (and Carl, the alien) went on a road trip with them to Abilene, Texas, then Roswell, N.M., and returning via Lubbock, Texas. It was a wonderful vacation.

### Birthday Celebration

Friends and family of Logan Beanland enjoyed surprising him with a 30th birthday party recently.

Family members were entertained by a photo collection representing his life journey.

His contemporaries enjoyed the reunion with one another. Best wishes Logan, for many more happy birthdays.

### Innkeepers Conferences

Tammy and Lyle Woodrum of the Davie School Inn attended two conferences for innkeepers in January.

The first was sponsored by ResNexus and was held in Salem, Utah. The second was sponsored by PAII and

was held in Las Vegas, Nev.

On the way to Utah they were able to spend some time in Lubbock, Texas, and visiting some of the arches in Utah. On the way to Las Vegas they visited Zion National Park.

The weather was good and the scenery was absolutely stunning.

The conferences were wonderful networking opportunities and they received many great ideas for the inn and the business.

### Guest

Beverly Minto of Indiana has been visiting her mother Ruby Brimm and other family and friends.

While here her golden retriever Charley got lost. A special thanks to everyone who helped find Charley.

### Congratulations AJ Wrestling Team

2019 regional champs. 8-individual champs, 2-2nd place finishers and 1-3rd place finisher.

A special thanks to the Kiwanis Club for cooking the barbeque last weekend for a fund raiser for the wrestling team.

### Time Capsule

A note from Pete Housman. The date for the picture to be placed in the time capsule is extended till April 1. Please send Pete your pictures.

### 70th Birthday

Angie Bryant recently celebrated her birthday with a party at her home given by her family.

Those present were her husband John, son Jason, sister Toni and Kim Capel.

### Guests

Dinner guests of John and Angie Bryant were Sara Fike and Jason Hacker.

### Anna VFW

March 1 is the annual Mardi Gras party. Fish will be served. Peggy will be at the VFW with her Star Karaoke.

### Davie School Inn Fund Raizer

Tammy Woodrum will be hosting a large gymnasium indoor garage and vendor/craft sale at the Davie School Inn at 300 Freeman St. Anna this weekend Feb. 8, 9 and 10 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Guiola Moreland is excited to be selling her hand made doll clothes. Other crafters will be there. There will be glassware.

Part of the profit will be donated to Friends of Stinson.

The book sale at the Stin-



**A special thanks to Nara Ferguson for donating 14 inches of her hair. Darci Morrison cut Nara's hair and sent it to Children With Hair Loss. They are non-profit and don't charge the children for the hair.**

son Memorial Library by Friends of Stinson: appreciation sale Friday, Feb. 8, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. You can join the Friends and attend Friday night if you are not already a member. Saturday, Feb. 9, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bag sale Sunday, Feb. 10, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Also the Civil War Weekend is at the Anna Arts Center.

### Special Thanks

We were going in Kroger Sunday after church when a little boy ran out the door from his grandmother who was checking her groceries out.

The Girl Scouts were selling cookies there and helped catch the little boy and helped get him back to his grandmother. A special thanks for their help.

### Honors Flight

A special thanks to Mary Nell Chew for the 83 thousand dollars she donated to



**Angelina Wiseman of Girl Scout Troop No. 8597 spoke Sunday morning at United Methodist Church Anna about the Kindness Kits she is making to be distributed to the homeless. Angelina is working on her Silver Award, which is the second highest award a Girl Scout can earn.**

the Honors Flight. This is a wonderful gift to pay for the whole Honors Flight.

Several veterans will be honored by this wonderful gift and a trip they will never forget.

### United Methodist Church, Anna

Sunday morning, Our Lords Supper was taken.

Rev. Richard Sullins told the children how Jesus' spirit is always with us and how much God loves us.

Rev. Sullins sermon was on Jesus preaching in the synagogue.

Terry and Tina Riley were celebrating their 17th wedding anniversary Sunday.

Angelina Wiseman told the church family about her Silver Award she is working on for the second highest honor a Girl Scout can earn.

Angel's Silver Award is making kindness kits to be distributed to the homeless.



**Angelina Wiseman showed Chris Foster the Kindness Kits she is making to be distributed to the homeless.**

She asked the church family to pray for her and the other girls working on this award. Angel's Girl Scout Troop is No. 8597.

A special thanks to the church family who works with serving at Loaves and Fishes dinners. Last month 128 people were served. February's meal was Tuesday night.

Game night meets Friday, Feb. 8, at 6 p.m. with a potluck. Happy Scrappers meets Feb. 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Birthdays: Feb. 5 Bryan Crain, Donald Pippins, 11 Al Kamp, 14 Marilyn Miller, 16 Kay Johnston, Janice Lewellyn, 17 Barbara House, 25 Nancy Hooks, 26 Jo Ann Keller, 27 Marilyn Belcher, Lilia Spurlock.

Barbara House reminded everyone to give blood on Valentine's Day at the Anna First Baptist Church fellowship hall.

### Anna Eastern Star 522

The Eastern Star will meet Thursday, Feb. 21, at 6:30 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge in the Anna park across from the swimming pool.

### Red Hat Lady Dinner

Marie Samuel, Martha Schwegman and Joan Graves Edwards will be hostesses for the Little Egypt Red Hat Valentine party Feb. 20 at 11 a.m. at Anna Pizza Hut.

Looking for all red hat ladies, guests and anyone that would like to join. Bring a exchange gift if you would like to be in the gift exchange.

### Military Prayer List

Tanner Anderson, Hayden Young, Garrett Goines, Nick Harvel, Nona Elizabeth Luke, Lucas J. Strickland, William Nathaniel Frankell, Ethan Maze, Lukas W. Davis, Kiefer Stull, David Jordan Glasco, Ryan Hampton, Brittany Michelle Lence, Killian Jesse, Molly Noyes, CJ Youngerman, Freddy Morse, Reagan Morrison, Josh Steveson, Josh Williams, Faith Odum, Tommy Goff and family Janette, Jamison and Kaylynn, Creighton Laster, Jim Bonner, Jacob Schaefer, Jerod Schaefer, Jennifer Ann Bishop, James McWhorter, Arin Whitemountain.

## SIU students offer tax return assistance to area residents

Area residents can have their income tax preparation done for free this year at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, courtesy of a group of trained student volunteers.

Beta Alpha Psi, an SIU College of Business honors accounting student organization, is once again sponsoring the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, VITA, program in 2019.

The program is designed to assist low-and moderate-income community members and fellow students in completing their tax returns.

The VITA program is scheduled to kick off Feb. 9 and is planned virtually every Saturday thereafter, through April 6.

Free tax preparation help will be available from 8 a.m. until noon in the computer lab on the lower level of Rehn Hall, located at 1025 Lincoln Dr. on the SIU campus.

There will be no sessions on March 9 or 16 due to the university's spring break.

Jared Nicholas, a master of accountancy student, and Joshua Hill, a junior accounting major, are the program coordinators for 2019.

They participated in advanced training to prepare for their leadership roles.

They will oversee a team of about 25 accounting and law students, who will prepare the tax returns at no cost to qualifying community members and SIU students.

The free tax preparation service also includes free electronic filing.

Each of the students participating in this community service project is an IRS-certified volunteer tax preparer and has completed

mandatory ethics and basic tax examination courses.

The VITA coordinators will also be on hand to review all returns and assist with any questions.

Students get valuable experience while providing important community service

In addition, Benna Williams, an SIU School of Accountancy lecturer and former tax practitioner who also serves as Beta Alpha Psi's faculty adviser, along with other faculty, will be on hand to offer their expertise.

"I am so happy we are able to provide VITA services to our community," Williams said.

"The students love helping the taxpayers by providing this free service to them. It is also a valuable benefit for the students and they are learning early how important it is to give back to the community."

Students have provided the service to area residents for more than 25 years. Last year alone, volunteers completed more than 200 tax returns – all at no cost.

No appointments are required during the tax sessions but services are provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

Sessions end at noon so latecomers may be asked to return the following week. Most tax returns are completed in an hour or less.

VITA assistance is open to any U.S. citizen, whether single or married, as long as their income does not exceed \$55,000 and they take the standard federal deduction.

All American SIU students who meet the income guideline can also get help; organizers note that VITA is no longer able to serve in-

ternational students so they will need to reach out to tax professionals for help.

Although a few tax situations may exceed the scope of the aid provided by VITA, the volunteers can assist with most typical tax situations, including those involving wages and earnings from self-employment, interest and unemployment income, Social Security benefits, dividends and returns that involve child tax, education or earned income credits.

To avail themselves of the VITA services, taxpayers need to bring to the session they are attending legal

identification, such as a driver's license or passport, as well as all other current tax documents.

That includes W-2s, SSA-1099s, 1099-MISCs or 1098-Ts as well as any other relevant documentation.

People should also bring their Form 1095-B or some other proof of insurance so as to avoid a penalty for not having health insurance, because the insurance requirement is still in place for 2018 tax returns.

For more information, email SIUVITA2019@gmail.com or call 618-453-2289.

## Veterans Honor Flight receives major donation

At a check presentation ceremony held Friday, Jan. 25, at the Herrin Supercenter, Walmart continued its long-standing support of Veterans Honor Flight of Southern Illinois with a \$5,000 donation to the organization.

"Walmart's support of Veterans Honor Flight of Southern Illinois goes a long way in continuing to make these flights possible," said Bryan Questelle, chairman of the Veterans Honor Flight of Southern Illinois Board of Directors.

"The Southern Illinois community really rallies around our organization because we all know how important it is to honor and thank our veterans for their service."

Walmart is a frequent supporter of Veterans Honor Flight of Southern Illinois, donating more than \$25,000 and 25 wheelchairs for veterans since the organization began in 2017.

In October 2018, Walmart associates from stores across Southern Illinois volunteered at a welcome home ceremony for the fourth Honor Flight from Southern Illinois.

"From our support of military families to our Veterans Welcome Home Commitment to hire a quarter of a million veterans by 2020, we at Walmart know it's our duty to support those who have served our country," said Jamie Tylka, Walmart market manager for Southern Illinois.

"That's why we're thrilled to be able to continue our support of Veterans Honor Flight of Southern Illinois and the veterans they serve."

Veterans Honor Flight of Southern Illinois' first Honor Flight took off in April 2017, followed by flights in October 2017 and April 2018. Flight number five is currently being planned for this spring.



**Tina Ramage's granddaughter Ellie Herring surprised her with a dress up party for her birthday Jan. 30.**



**Girl Scout Troop 8548 members Jayci, Elizabeth, Mallary and Kaylie had a nice day to sell their cookies in front of Anna Walmart Saturday.**



**Jon and Beverly Schaefer took their niece Natalie and nephew Maximus to the monster truck show Saturday afternoon. Then they went for ice cream after that in Cape Girardeau.**



# Opinion and Commentary

## Editorials

### Valuable services

During the most recent meeting of the Union County Board of Commissioners in Jonesboro, a community member made note about how beneficial it is for several valuable emergency services to be available here at home.

The comments focused on the community members personal experience which involved the Union County Ambulance Service and the Union County 911 emergency communications system.

The ambulance service and the 911 system are two of those extremely important resources which many of us most likely tend to take for granted – until we need them.

Along with the ambulance service and the 911 system, Union County is blessed to have a hospital, a wide range of medical and health care options, social service agencies and other important resources which contribute to the well-being of our community.

As one of our friends and neighbors shared with county officials – we are truly blessed to have these services, and many others, available right here at home. And we say thank you to all of those hard-working, dedicated individuals who provide those critical services.

### Local history

Union County area residents will have an opportunity this week to learn more about a critical time in the history of our nation.

The Shawnee Hills Arts Council again is planning to present a Civil War Weekend at the Anna Arts Center in Anna. Events are planned starting Thursday, today, and continuing through Sunday.

The arts center plans to host a full schedule of speakers, exhibits and other activities on Saturday. Admission is free.

Community members of all ages are encouraged to check out the activities at the Civil War Weekend and to learn a little bit more about the history of our community and our nation.

We commend the Shawnee Hills Arts Council for presenting the Civil War Weekend. The arts council, as well as such local organizations as PAST and the Union County Historical and Genealogy Society, are dedicated to helping all of us be more aware of the rich history and heritage of our community.

## A Page from the Past

from the files of The Gazette-Democrat

### Thursday, February 6, 1969

Plans are now complete for the Centennial Celebration this coming Sunday, Feb. 9th, of Mt. Moriah Lutheran Church of Anna. The church Pastor, John Poffinbarger, and the Centennial Committee Chairman, R.L. Rich, today issued an open invitation to Anna and area friends of the church to attend the services Sunday.

The Illinois Central ticket office in Anna has been permanently closed as of this week. Passengers will have to purchase their tickets on the train. The waiting room is to be left open.

The Anna-Jonesboro Wildcat Band will host the Tri-School Music Festival to be held on Monday, Feb. 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. Schools participating will be the Cobden High School, Shawnee High School and the Anna-Jonesboro High School.

The Shawnee Annual Homecoming is to be held Saturday, Feb. 8, at the Shawnee High School, Wolf Lake.

Karen Mallams of Anna has been selected for a principal role in the new opera, “Altgeld,” to be produced March 7-10 by Southern Illinois University’s Opera Workshop. She will play the part of the banker’s wife. The opera tells the dramatic story of John Peter Altgeld, governor of Illinois in 1893-97.

The January meeting of the Business and Professional Women’s Club was held Tuesday, Jan. 29, at the White-house Coffee Shop.

Once again it is time for the Girl Scout cookie sales. This year the sale runs from February 7-17. The scouts have a very nice selection of cookies that are reasonably priced.

From the Friendship news: We have been lucky this winter we haven’t had much snow, but Sunday evening the white snow sure began to come down. It makes everything look pretty but sure makes it tough on people getting to and from work. I know as a child how happy we were when the snow began to fall, it meant sleigh riding, snow cream and making a big snow man. Also we would start snow to rolling up and make a big roll, which would last long after the other snow was gone, some even put this in their cisterns so the water would be good and cold the next summer, we didn’t have (a) refrigerator to run too, as we do now.

From the Shiloh news: I’m sure everyone is getting tired of so much rain, but those who have to buy water have something to be thankful for. Well, we’ve had some bad roads and driveways lately. Sure is nice to look out and see your driveway all dragged smooth, thanks to our neighbor.

From the Beech Grove news: Several folks here are still on the sick list, but some are better at this writing.

# Please read this...

By Geof Skinner



**Brrrr, brrrr, brrrr, lookin’ out my front door. Snow was falling Wednesday night, Jan. 30, in our little corner of the world. Which was surprising. According to the forecast, the snow should not have been falling south of the Union-Jackson county line. I’m just sayin’...**

## A really, really lame parody...and a shameless plug...

This week, we’ll start with apologies to John Fogerty, Creedence Clearwater Revival, Buck Owens, all of the folks out there who know how to write lyrics to a song, and anybody and everybody who likes good music...

Just got home in Illinois, freezin’ cold outdoors, oh boy!  
Tried to sit down, take a rest on the porch  
Frostbite starts settin’ in, pretty soon I’m freezin’  
Brrrr, brrrr, brrrrr, lookin’ out my front door.

Squirrels doin’ cartwheels, birdies findin’ bread heels  
Look at all the ice cold critters frozen on the lawn  
Rabbit ears antenna, list’nin to the forecast  
Brrrr, brrrr, brrrr lookin’ out my front door.

Ice cubes and snowflakes are layin’ on the land  
Polar Vortex needs to change its tune. Brrrr, brrrr, brrrr.  
Frozen apparition provided by magician  
Brrr, brrr, brrr, lookin’ out my front door.

Ice cubes and snowflakes are layin’ on the land  
Hope that spring time gets here soon. Brrrr, brrrr, brrrr.  
Warm my frozen fingers, and the frozen singers  
Brrrr, brrrr, brrrr, lookin’ out my front door.

Winter troubles Illinois, froze the front door, oh boy!  
Look at all the ice cold critters frozen on the lawn  
Warm my frozen fingers, and the frozen singers  
Brrrr, brrrr, brrrr, lookin’ out my front door.

The lame parody which you just read came to mind Wednesday night, Jan. 30, when your ice-addled scribe looked out the front door and saw some more SNOW covering the frozen landscape.

Some of you folks may be familiar with “Lookin’ Out My Back Door,” which is a tune by one of my all-time favorite groups – Creedence Clearwater Revival.

To be honest with you, I had never really taken a close look at the song’s lyrics. When I did, it got me to wondering:

Why were giants doing cartwheels? Why was a statue wearin’ high heels? Why were tambourines and elephants playin’ in the band? How, exactly, does one take a ride on a flyin’ spoon? And, how, exactly, does a spoon fly?

At this point, some folks are probably just shaking their heads and saying to themselves: He doesn’t get it. It’s a metaphor, man. Giants are always doing cartwheels, with statues wearing high heels.

I guess the bottom line is that song and its lyrics are from the 1960s. I think. And that may be all that needs to be said.

And I’m thinking that maybe instead of stepping out on our front porch when the temperature was about 12 degrees and snow was falling, again, I should have stayed inside, where it was warm, well sort of.

The Other Half and yours truly are somewhat experienced in coping with wintry conditions, given that she started the Journey Through Life in Montana and my adventures began in Michigan.

However, the almost unbelievable cold brought to us by the Polar Vortex was a bit shocking. Maybe it was the headline about the wind chill temperature of 77 degrees below zero that was recorded somewhere in Minnesota.

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P.S. Sunday afternoon. Life is good. And much, much warmer. Yours truly sat outside on the front porch, in the sunshine, snoozing. Was not freezing. Brrrr, brrrr, brrrr.

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Time for one of my periodic Shamless Plugs: The Friends of Stinson Library are planning to sponsor a winter book sale Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 8-10. The sale will be at Stinson Memorial Library in Anna.

Since it’s only February, we’re probably going to have some more freezing weather – which would be the perfect time to sit down in your favorite chair, under a nice, warm quilt, hot drink in hand, and read a good book.

Head to the Anna library and see if you can find yourself a book with a story that’s set someplace where it’s a little bit warmer. Like Antarctica. I understand it was warmer at the South Pole last week than it was here in the Midwest.

Again, in the interest of full disclosure, yours truly is an honorary member of the Friends of Stinson.



**A bit of an update...a couple of weeks ago, we shared this image with you. The “old-time” photo was discovered recently at The Paragraph Factory. One person shared on Facebook that the photograph was taken at the corner of Davie Street and Main Street in Anna, where the First National Bank originally was built. Another person shared an email which suggested that the photograph probably was taken around 1878 or 1880. Not by me, though. Thanks, folks, for sharing your information...and for reading this...**



### Silhouette in the snow

**The silhouette of a metal bird and staff stood in contrast to a light covering of snow which had fallen Tuesday night, Jan. 29. The photograph was taken Wednesday morning, Jan. 30, at the Cobden Cemetery.**

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